

THE PERFECT GETAWAY

A tired master ensuite is transformed into a *luxurious sanctuary*

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AS I WALK through a home with new clients and enter the master bedroom, I immediately see it is in dire need of a renovation. The wife expresses that she wants her own space – a luxurious walk-in closet with her own ensuite bathroom; a getaway where she can escape for long baths and alone time.

Having decided that she wants the entire master ensuite for herself, the wife indicates that her husband can split the common bathroom in half and claim one side as his own. It is then that I realize “This is going to be an interesting project!”

COLOUR

White is the colour of purity and gives off the feeling of cleanliness, freshness and luxuriousness, which is why we chose this colour palette. If you’re looking for the same result, I suggest Benjamin Moore’s Natural Linen: CC-90; White Dove: OC-17; Simply White: OC-117; and Cloud White: OC-130. We used hints of soft creams to offset the white and add a bit of contrast into the space.

SHOWER & TUB

For the stand-alone shower, I used clean-cut transparent glass for the enclosure, which creates the feeling of openness. The rain showerhead and shampoo niche were just

a few of the small added features which create a large impact in this room.

To create the appearance of balance that the original layout lacked, the entire wall behind the tub was draped with soft whitish-coloured silk. In addition, with all of the hard finishes present (marble, wood, glass, etc.), I needed a bit of softness. When rooms are too “white”, they tend to feel cold and unwelcoming, so if you add some elements that are soft to the touch, you will instantly create a warm and inviting space.

FURNITURE

No spa-like master bath would be complete without some elegant pieces of furniture. The custom-skirted slipper chair creates a feeling of royalty in the space. And, the gold accent table is really unexpected and visually interesting, considering all of the fixtures in the space consist of polished chrome.

DESIGN ELEMENTS

In small spaces, keep in mind that the right mix of reflective finishes will help make the space feel and appear larger than it really is. In this space, we accomplished this by using a blend of glass, metal, crystal and mirror which helps bounce light around the room and add a bit of sparkle.





LIGHTING

There is a combination of different lighting applications in this space, consisting of pot lights, wall sconces and the beautiful crystal chandelier in the dressing room and bathroom area. The two spaces are separated by an anti-room with sliding doors. Lighting is the number one component when it comes to creating ambience in a space,

so choose your fixtures and your bulbs wisely. I prefer the new Ambient LED light bulb from Philips; it is dimmable, produces a soft white light and it's very attractive. ■

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BATHROOM RENO TIPS – 1. Sit in your tub before purchasing it to ensure a comfortable fit. 2. Create recessed storage space between wall studs (you can insert a store-bought cabinet). 3. Choose water-resistant and durable flooring. 4. Always install dimmers for your lighting.