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the Spa*

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Paint, fixture and
hardware changes turn
a generic bathroom into
an elegant retreat.

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Left: This elegant vanity area offers color, contrast and storage; features that were lacking in the previous bathroom.

Opposite: The new shower features multiple shower heads and doubles as a steam room.

YOUR BATHROOM is where you prepare to greet the day and where you wind down in a tub full of bubbles. A place this important deserves some attention! Designer Mary Jo Fiorella turned a ho-hum, outdated bath into this luxurious retreat by paying attention to the details.

Though the fixtures, plumbing and hardware are new, you will notice that the bathroom retained its configuration. Instead of completely changing the space, Mary Jo worked with the basic original layout, saving the homeowners time and money without sacrificing style. The changes she made not only improved the room's appearance; they solved problems like lack of storage space and poor lighting. With her careful choices in color, function and style, she gave her clients the in-home spa they long dreamed of.

What Didn't Work

- ✘ Plain white tiles and matching white walls were boring and uninspired
- Stark, unflattering lighting strip above vanity
- Outdated hardware
- Large, unframed mirror lacked style
- Tiny, unattractive shower with opaque glass



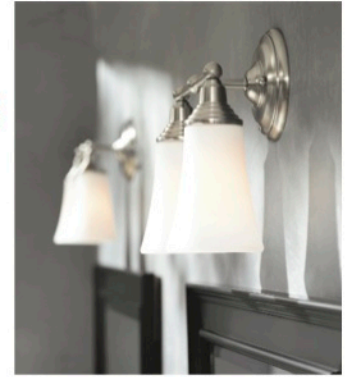
What Works Now

- ✘ Soothing shades of blue provide the perfect backdrop in this calming retreat.
- Framed double vanity mirrors add definition and visual interest.
- New cabinet between vanity mirrors gives much-needed storage space.
- Using the same wood finish throughout provides a cohesive, uncluttered look.
- New hardware is all in the same finish and style.
- Border tiles span the room and unify the vanity and tub area. The intricate border design also operates as a leeway between the blue walls and lighter tiles below for a subtle divide.
- Inset tiles give an interesting pop of color to the shower.
- Double-shaded sconces over the mirrors lend symmetry and sophistication.
- A shaded light fixture drops from the ceiling and adds an elegant focal point.
- White shutters provide natural light and a subtle, traditional aesthetic.





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4. Paradigm Collection Hourglass cream border tile: Walker Zanger, (818) 252-4000 or visit walkerzanger.com.

5. Taren double sink vanity cabinet: Signature Hardware, (866) 855-2284 or signaturehardware.com.

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