

2006 WBA Remodeling Awards

Project Category:
Bathroom Under \$30K

“High Visibility Shower”



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These satisfied clients call upon our company every year or two to continue to remodel their 1960's era, two-story tract home in a mature wooded neighborhood. We have previously remodeled the kitchen, family room, changed doors & millwork, and added numerous windows and a skylight. This time, we were called upon to complete the main level bathroom and the remaining doors and millwork in the house.



While this shower is in a small 3/4 bathroom on the main level of the house, it must function as the everyday bathroom for the husband. At the same time, appearance and light were critical needs, as the bathroom creates a short but dark hallway between the kitchen and family room. The clients regularly entertain guests and parties in their politically active neighborhood. The new shower, with its clear glass door and refined tile walls, serves all of these needs and takes advantage of the natural light from an awning window installed by this Remodelor™ during a previous project.



Details were carefully planned and chosen to maximize the brightness and the apparent size in the small bathroom.

- *The window was previously placed as high as possible on the wall to ensure privacy and to reflect the light across the ceiling with fewer shadows.*
- *The shower head was carefully aligned with the bottom window trim for visual continuity— as well as to function comfortably for the tall husband and to minimize the risk of splashing onto the cherry trim.*
- *Metal and woods used in the house are varied but carefully chosen and integrated.*
- *Brass hardware is used on the red birch door locksets and on window latches.*
- *Nickel hardware is used for the kitchen and shower. A porcelain and brass accent is used on the shower handle, integrating the other brass in the room including a matching lavatory faucet in brass and porcelain.*
- *The contrasts between the woods and metals, while somewhat uncommon, creates a unified, warm, rich feeling in the home.*

The focus of this presentation is on the bathroom. It is also important to review and understand the context of this project, to evaluate the success of this part within the whole of the remodeling. The most recent bathroom project included replacement of interior doors & trim on the 2nd floor of the home. Previous projects include the kitchen remodeling, family room remodeling, window insertions, main level doors and trim, and the tile and wood floor were completed by the Remodelor's trade contractors.



The now-brightened hallway is visible here. The natural light presents the sometimes shiny appearance of the red birch grain at the right moments. The 10-lite door to the family room usually remains open and so was done to match the cherry trim of the family room as seen in the context photos below.



The family room and kitchen materials integrate with the bathroom. Awning windows have been installed in the bathroom, dining room, family room, and upstairs stairway to bring natural light into the home while protecting views of neighboring homes.



Final Assessment & Results:

This project is the latest in a series of five remodels for the clients. While that alone shows success and client satisfaction, they also write of their thanks. They note, "You have continued to raise the bar in our home, and we like it. Thanks again for both your good work and your friendship." As we have now touched every room in their home, we know that the projects will eventually run out. However, referrals from these clients have brought other successful project and referrals from those referrals have even begun to roll in. Excellent customer service will continue to be remembered and pay off even after this house is complete.

The completed bathroom remodeling is bright and functions as both a guest bathroom and the everyday bathroom for the husband.



Specifications of Note:

- Shower Tile: Florida Montour 8x12 Ivory Ceramic wall tile.
Daltile 2x2 D037 Granite White ceramic mosaic floor tile.
Florida Ravenna Silver Charm Decorative Inserts
- Shower Door: Basco Infinity 1/4" Frameless Door, Continuous Hinge with Brushed Nickel panel and header trim.
- Shower Faucet: Moen Monticello T3132ST trim with 97467 Handle in Porcelain with Polished Brass insert.
Moen S1113BN Shower Arm & Flange with Grohe 28373AVO Rainshower Head in Nickel.
- Interior Doors: Red Birch, flush solid-core by Mohawk. Custom milled casing & baseboard in Red Birch.
- Vanity: Bertch, in Red Birch with natural finish. Corian lavatory top. (Installed in previous phase.)