

NARI MINNESOTA - REMODELER OF THE YEAR 2025

PROJECT: The Marble Shower

CATEGORY: Residential Historical Renovation Under \$250,000

The primary shower, in this majestic 1913 home, leaked into the entry foyer below. After consulting a plumber, the clients were told that renovation was a must. The young, budget-conscious family of five hoped to retain the marble shower slabs original to the bathroom and preserve the integrity and beauty of the historic home, while updating functionality and gently nudging the bathroom into the current century.

CLIENT NEEDS

- Maintain marble shower slabs
- Update plumbing
- Add a shower door
- Stay within budget
- Preserve the look and feel of the historic home



BEFORE PHOTOS The Marble Shower - Residential Historical Renovation Under \$250,000



Cracked Tile

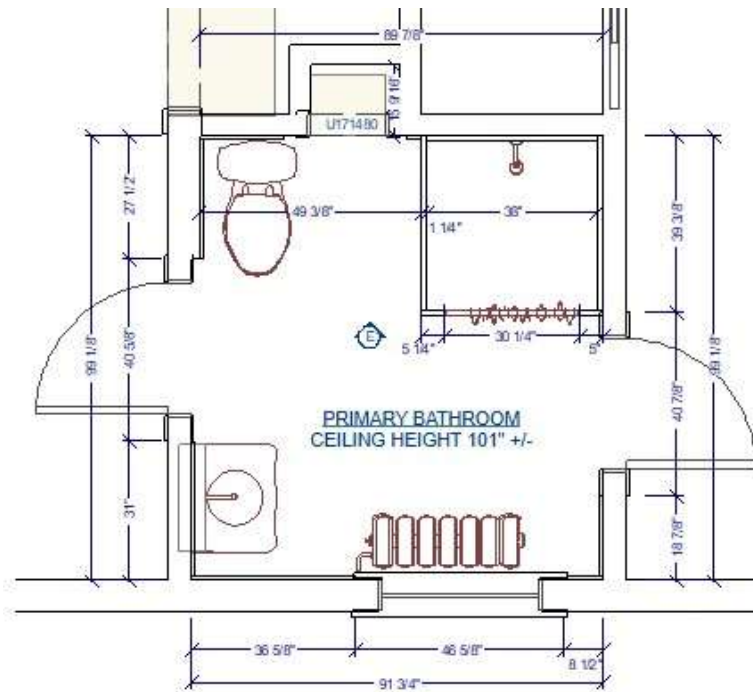


Oddly high
TP Holder

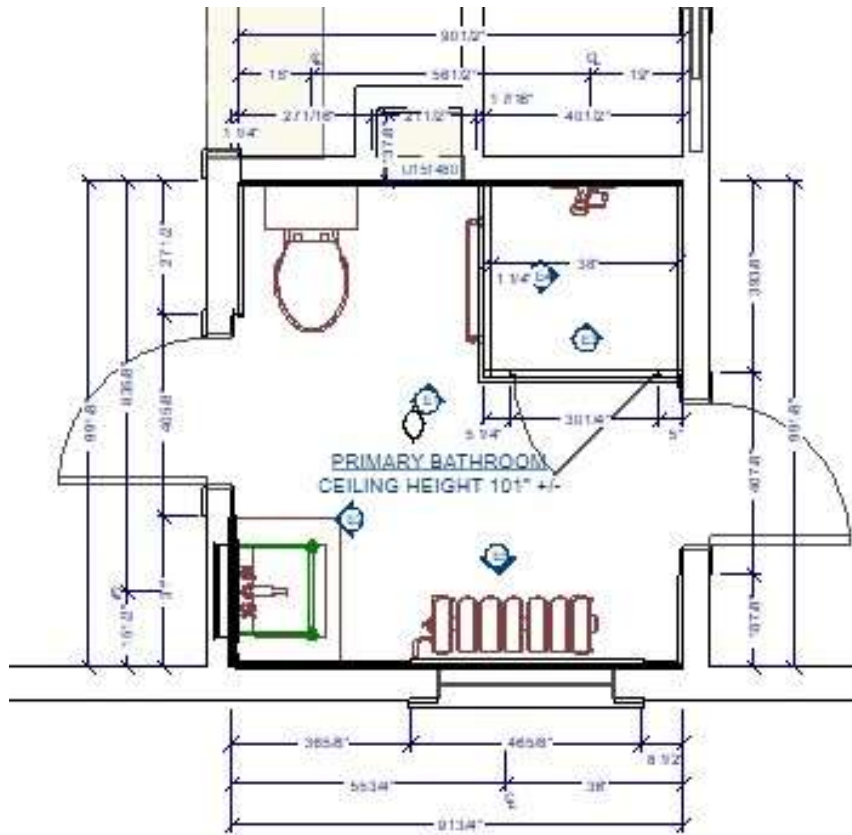
Super wide
toilet covers
trim



BEFORE FLOOR PLAN The Marble Shower - Residential Historical Renovation Under \$250,000



AFTER FLOOR PLAN & PERSPECTIVES The Marble Shower - Residential Historical Renovation Under \$250,000



BEFORE AND AFTER The Marble Shower - Residential Historical Renovation Under \$250,000



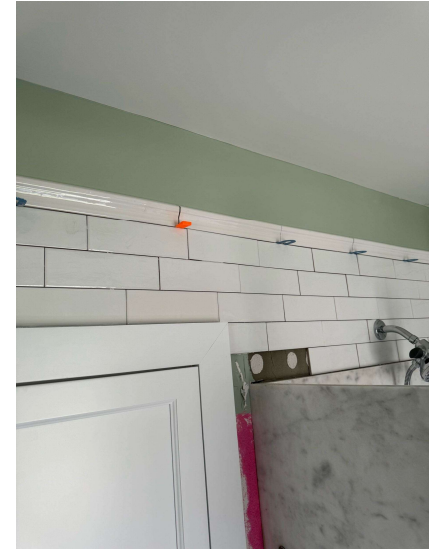
CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS The Marble Shower - Residential Historical Renovation Under \$250,000



The plan was to keep the marble slabs undisturbed, but a liner was required for waterproofing the new shower pan.



The marble shower slabs were removed with great care, trimmed, and reinstalled.



To prevent water damage the chair rail and wainscot were taken up and around the marble slabs to encase the showerhead.

FUNCTIONALITY The Marble Shower - Residential Historical Renovation Under \$250,000

- A glass door was added to the shower to retain heat
- Wainscot tile was taken up and around the marble to surround the showerhead
- A console vanity, with as much landing area as possible, was selected
- A new toilet replaced the unusually large existing toilet
- The toilet paper holder was brought down to a functional level



AESTHETICS AND HISTORICAL DETAILS The Marble Shower - Residential Historical Renovation Under \$250,000

- Cost-effective tile creates a traditional wainscot tile pattern, topped with chair rail
- Traditional deco tile adorns the floor
- Polished chrome fixtures keeps plumbing costs down, so cross handles at the sink and shower inject flair
- Original cabinet knobs were reused on the new linen closet
- A console vanity and vintage-looking light fixtures sustain the style of the home
- Original hand towel bars were reinstalled



UH OH MOMENT

To add function to the mirror area, a contemporary lighted medicine cabinet was installed with a face frame surround. Complete fail!

A quick reworking with an oval mirror/medicine cabinet with the light fixture above complimented the space much more elegantly.

