Urban Jungle Sanctuary



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The Urban Jungle Sanctuary reimagines a once-uninspired downtown condo guest bathroom, transforming a dated, beige space into a high-design retreat. Designed to prove that limited square footage is the perfect canvas for bold style, the renovation replaces a bland palette with rich layers of texture and pattern.

Anchored by a bold black-and-white color palette, the room was strategically designed to allow its showstopping feature—a metallic, tiger-themed wallpaper—to truly command the space. The metallic sheen reflects light throughout the room, creating an illusion of depth while adding an undeniable layer of drama and luxury.

A curated vintage mirror serves as the perfect centerpiece, infusing the playful, high-contrast design with refined elegance. By balancing maximalist pattern with classic details, the Urban Jungle Sanctuary proves that small guest bathrooms offer the ultimate opportunity for unforgettable style.





BEFORE & AFTER

The original guest bathroom was a textbook example of "builder-grade" beige, lacking any defining character or style. Standard square beige floor tiles and a tired, dated paint color made the small space feel cramped and unremarkable. The shower area was equally uninspiring, featuring aged tile and a low-end glass sliding door that felt flimsy and utilitarian. While the room was functional, it completely lacked the personality and modern flair expected in a sleek Minneapolis condo.

The transformation into the Urban Jungle Sanctuary is nothing short of spectacular, trading beige for a high-contrast, maximalist aesthetic. The walls now roar with metallic tiger wallpaper, perfectly complemented by a vintage gold designer mirror and updated lighting that adds a sophisticated glow. Underfoot, the dated squares have been replaced with elegant Carrera marble mosaic tile, while the shower has been refreshed with crisp white subway tiles and a custom glass sliding door featuring modern black hardware. Complete with a fresh vanity, this compact space is now a masterclass in how bold textures and luxury finishes can turn a small bathroom into a high-style destination.





MOOD BOARD

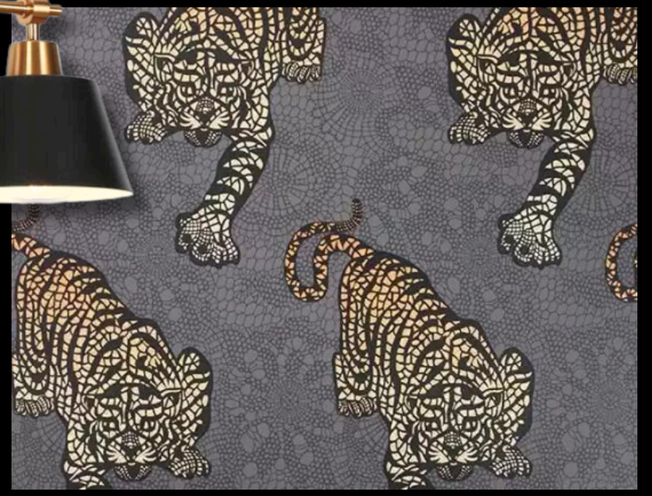
Embracing a dark palette in a small guest bathroom can feel like a risk. However, when you offset bold, moody elements with bright highlights—such as the crisp white subway shower tile, the Carrera marble mosaic floor, and a light-toned vanity—a dark wallpaper becomes a stunning, sophisticated anchor rather than an enclosure.

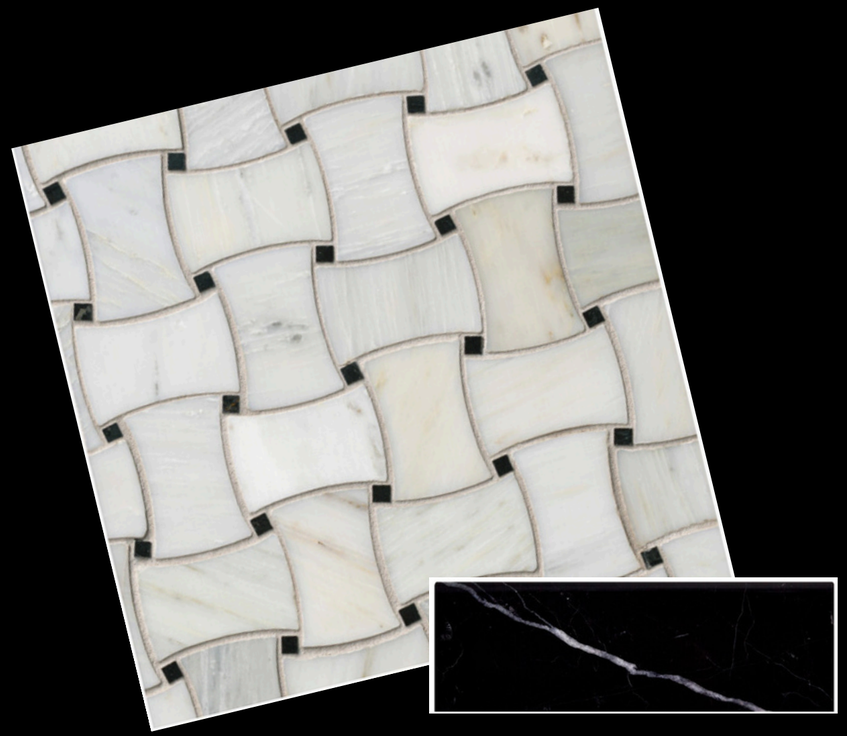
This mood board showcases a design that is both bold and unapologetic. By balancing deep textures with luminous finishes, we've transformed a utilitarian room into a high-style sanctuary. It's a curated mix of luxury and personality that ensures this guest bathroom is a space visitors will remember long after their stay.

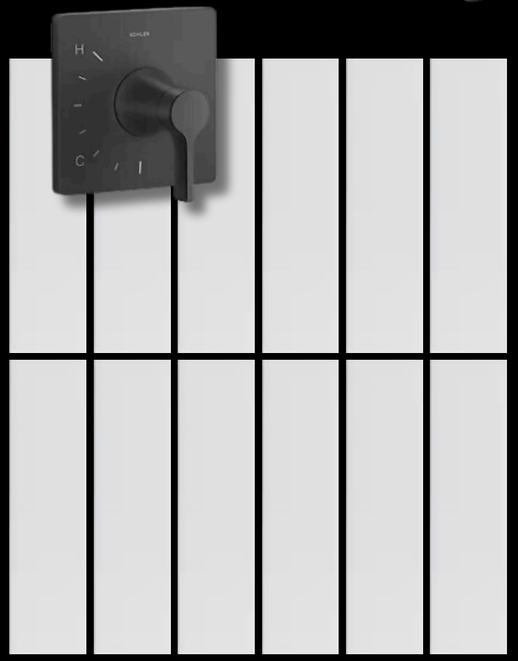








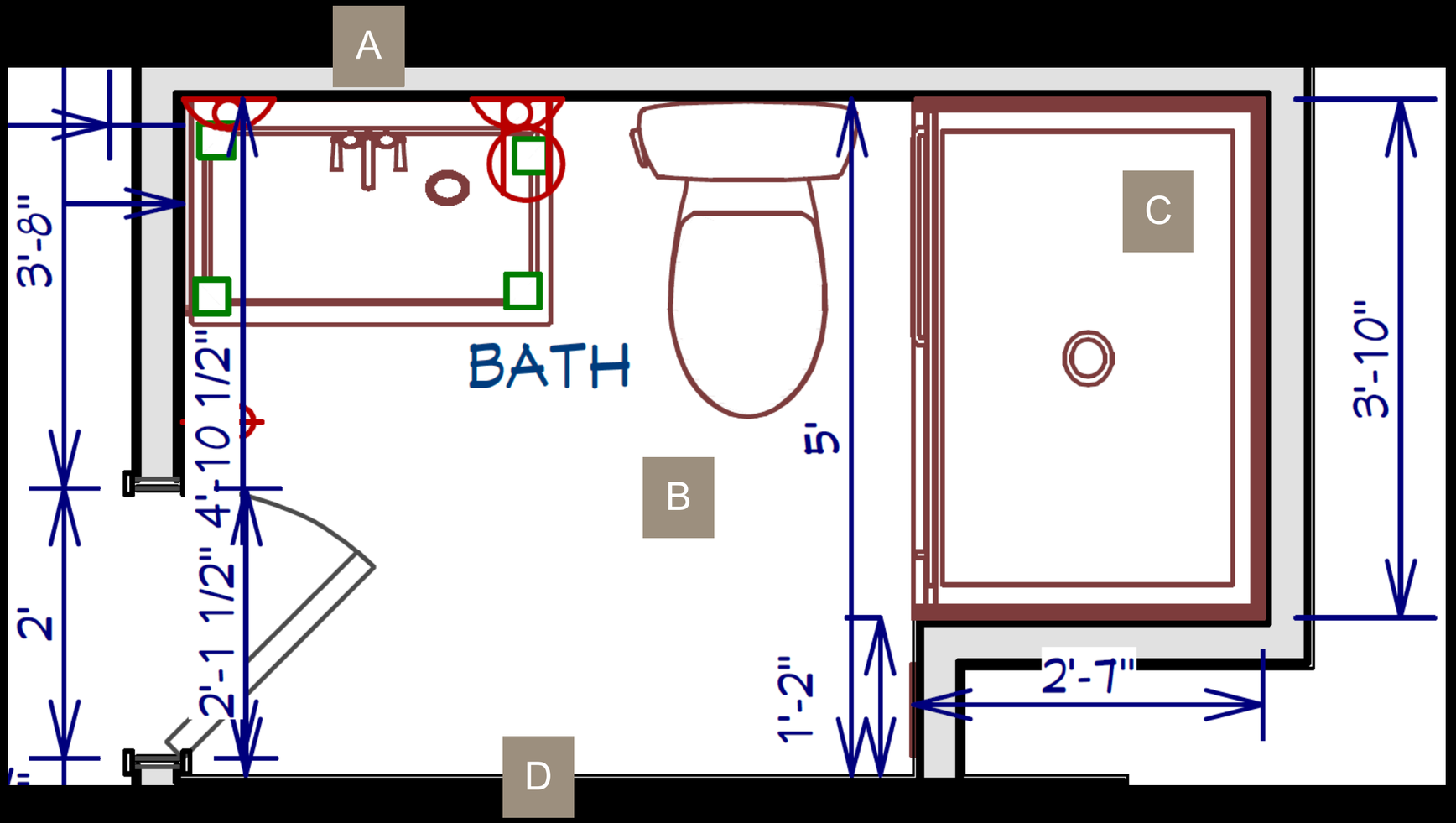








DETAILS



A

NEW VANITY &
VINTAGE MIRROR

B

CARRERA MARBLE
MOSAIC TILE

C

WALK-IN SHOWER
WITH GLASS DOOR

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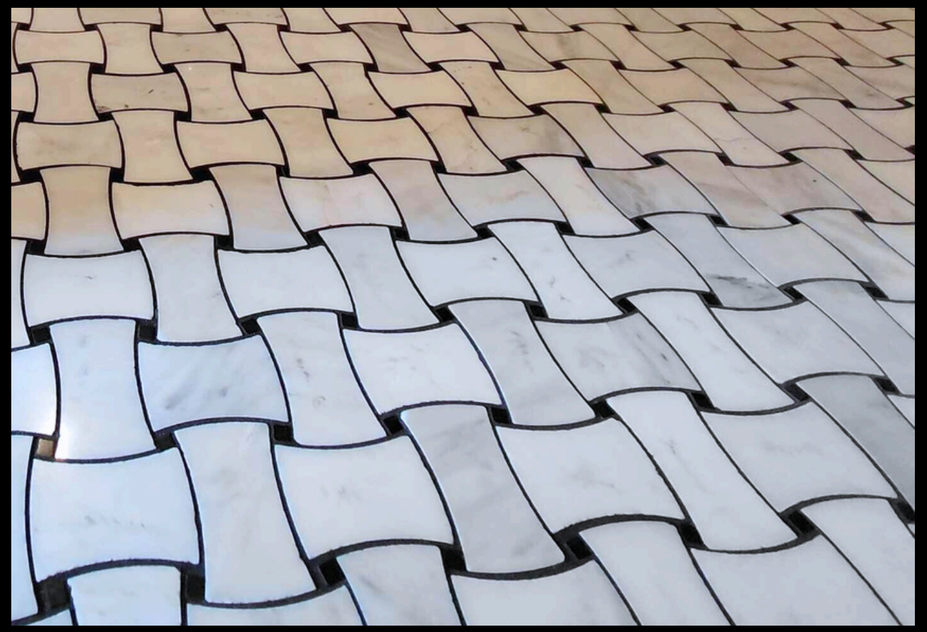
DARK WALLPAPER
WITH METALLIC TIGERS



DETAILS













PROJECT CHALLENGES

Executing the homeowner’s vision required navigating the distinct structural constraints of condo construction, including steel studs, concrete walls, and concrete ceilings. Unlike traditional residential builds, these rigid materials limited where plumbing, electrical, and mechanical lines could be routed. Working within a multi-unit building also demanded strict adherence to HOA regulations regarding noise, access, and structural penetrations. Through precise coordination and creative problem-solving, the project maximized every inch of the compact footprint—delivering a sophisticated sanctuary while fully respecting the building's physical limits.





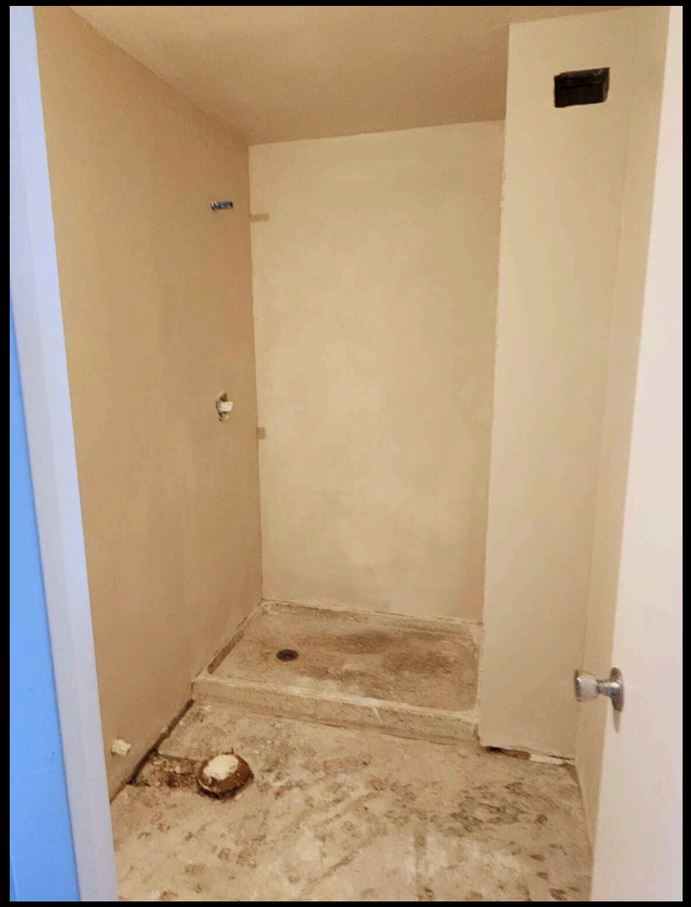




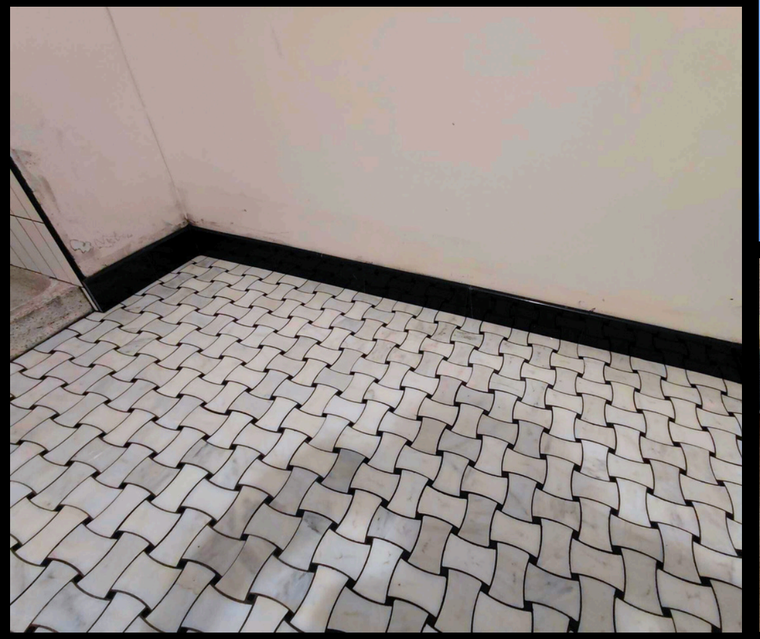
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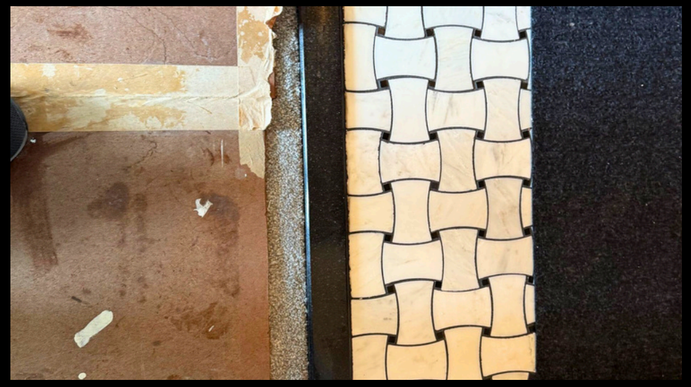












BEFORE PHOTOS











