



RESIDENTIAL BATH

\$40,000 -
\$70,000

NARI REMODELER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2026

PROJECT TOTAL: \$69,057
3 MONTHS OF RENOVATION



PROJECT Overview

A MORE REFINED PRIMARY BATH

The homeowners had updated other areas of their home with a modern, contemporary aesthetic, but the primary bathroom no longer felt connected to those improvements. Beyond its dated finishes, previous water-related concerns created an opportunity to address underlying conditions while giving the room a more cohesive and lasting renovation.

The bathroom was taken back to the drywall and rebuilt within its existing footprint. Rather than dramatically altering the floor plan, the design focused on making the space feel lighter, more open and more intentional. The upper portion of an existing shower wall was removed and replaced with glass, improving sight lines and allowing natural and artificial light to travel through the room.

Custom rift-cut oak cabinetry, quartz countertops, vessel sinks with wall-mounted faucets, a backlit mirror and locally handmade Mercury Mosaics shower tile establish a clean, contemporary material palette. Heated tile flooring, new lighting, updated electrical and plumbing, integrated shower niches and upgraded fixtures improve everyday performance.

The result is a primary bathroom that feels larger, brighter and more cohesive while remaining within the home's existing footprint.

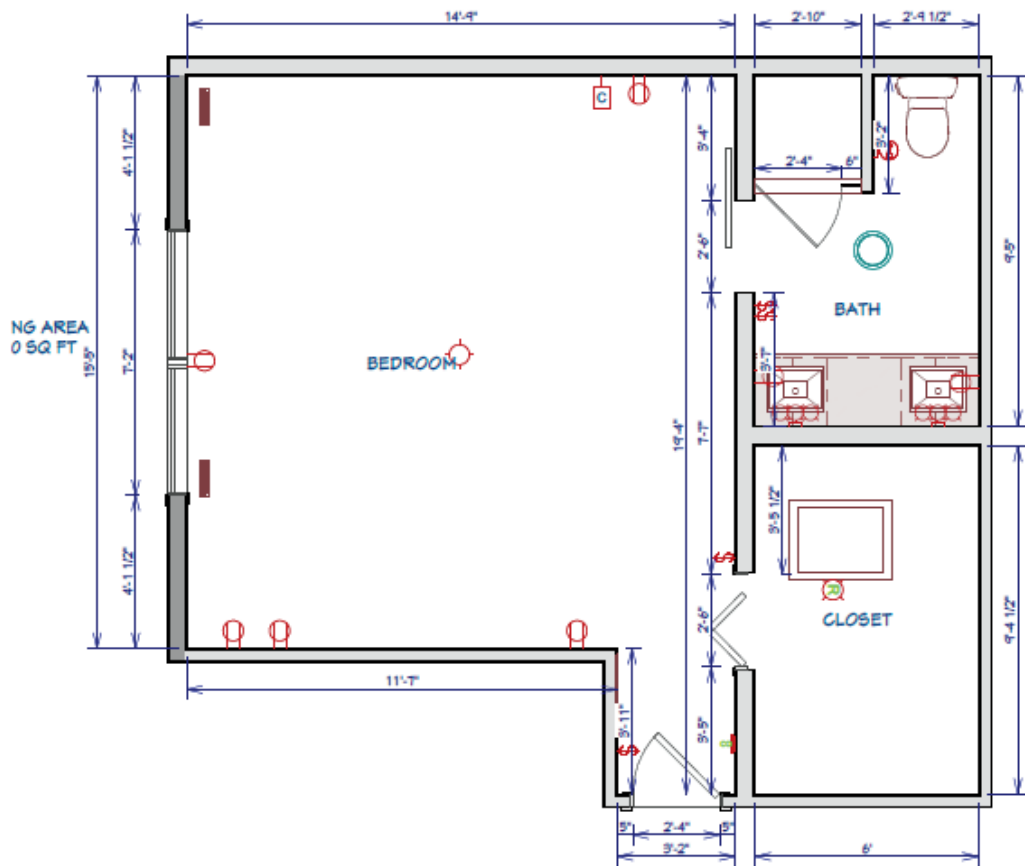


THE Challenge

- **WATER-RELATED CONCERNS** - Existing water damage required the renovation to address more than outdated finishes. The bathroom needed to be opened up so affected areas could be addressed and new materials installed with long-term performance in mind.
- **A VISUALLY DIVIDED SHOWER** - The existing shower configuration included a tall partition wall that visually separated the shower and toilet area from the vanity. The wall interrupted sight lines and contributed to a more enclosed feeling within an already compact bathroom.
- **UPDATING WITHIN THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT** - The homeowners wanted a significant visual and functional transformation without expanding the bathroom. The challenge was to make the existing footprint feel more open and refined through targeted architectural changes rather than additional square footage.
- **PRECISE ROUGH-IN COORDINATION** - Wall-mounted faucets, vessel sinks, an illuminated mirror, heated flooring and a bidet toilet required plumbing and electrical locations to be carefully coordinated before finishes were installed. Small discrepancies in height or alignment would be immediately visible within the streamlined design.



INTENTIONAL Planning + Design



FLOOR PLAN - BEFORE

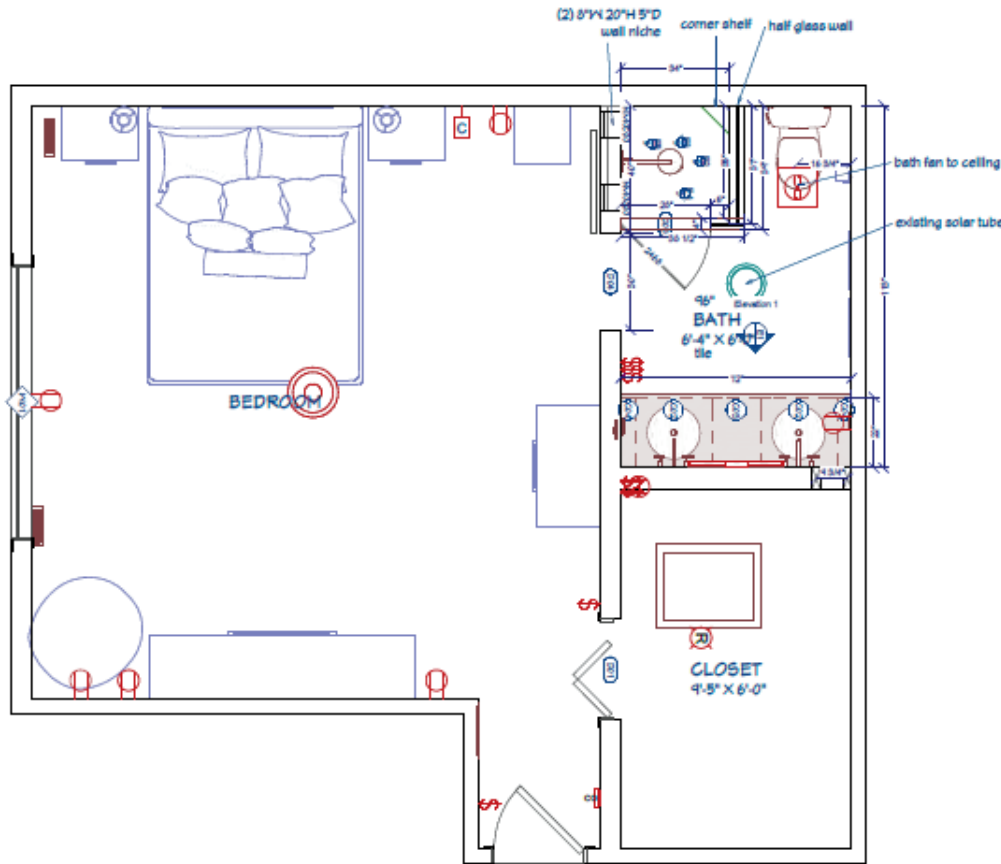
BEFORE: FUNCTIONAL, BUT VISUALLY DIVIDED

The existing bathroom contained the necessary functions within a compact footprint, but the arrangement felt visually fragmented.

A full-height partition beside the shower interrupted views across the room, while the vanity, plumbing and lighting reflected the previous design rather than the contemporary aesthetic established throughout the rest of the home.

The renovation presented an opportunity to improve the experience of the room without unnecessarily relocating its primary functions.

INTENTIONAL Planning + Design



FLOOR PLAN - AFTER

AFTER:

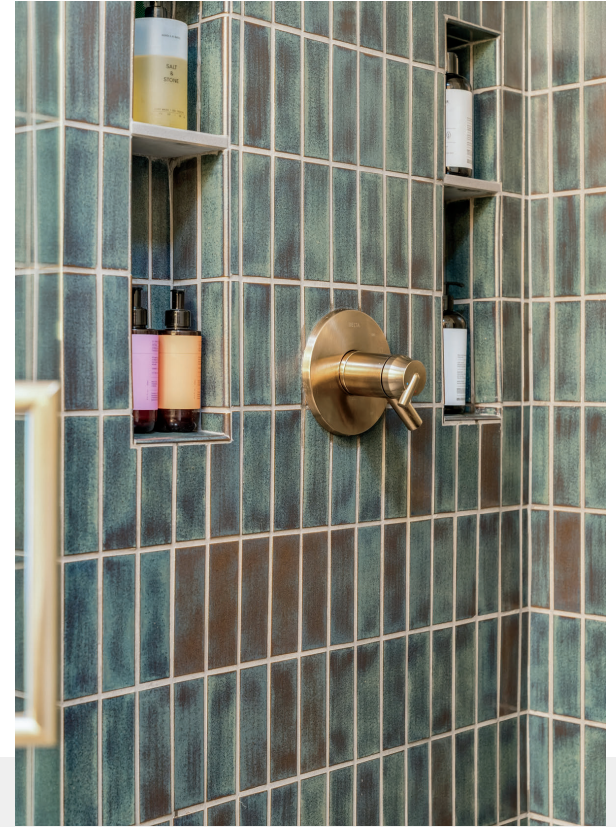
MAKING THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT WORK HARDER

The upper portion of the shower partition was removed and replaced with clear glass, opening views between the shower, vanity and adjoining bedroom while retaining the lower wall where needed. Two recessed niches were framed into the shower for integrated storage.

Plumbing was modified to accommodate the height and exact placement of the wall-mounted faucets, new vessel sinks and drains.

Shower plumbing and drainage were updated for the new fixture package, while electrical work accommodated the illuminated mirror, relocated vanity lighting, revised outlets, bidet toilet connection and heated flooring system.

FUNCTION + Innovation



- **OPENING THE SHOWER**
Removing the upper portion of the existing shower wall and replacing it with clear glass changes how the room feels without changing its footprint. Light travels more freely through the bathroom, while uninterrupted sight lines make the shower and adjoining spaces feel more connected.
- **PLUMBING AS PART OF THE DESIGN**
Wall-mounted Brizo faucets paired with vessel sinks required carefully coordinated plumbing modifications for faucet height, sink elevation and drain locations. Moving these components off the countertop also contributes to the clean, streamlined vanity design.
- **INTEGRATED SHOWER STORAGE**
Two recessed niches were framed directly into the shower walls, providing convenient storage without introducing projecting shelves or accessories into the shower area.
- **COMFORT UNDERFOOT**
An electric heating system beneath the new tile floor adds everyday comfort. Plus, a dedicated wall thermostat provides individual control.

BEFORE



BEFORE:

A COLLECTION OF DISCONNECTED ELEMENTS

The existing vanity provided two sinks and adequate counter space, but its dark cabinetry, individual mirrors and surface-mounted faucets created a visually fragmented composition. The vanity no longer reflected the lighter, contemporary updates made throughout the rest of the home.

AFTER



AFTER:

WARMER, LIGHTER + MORE COHESIVE

A custom rift-cut oak vanity extends across the wall, creating a warmer and more unified focal point. Quartz countertops provide a clean foundation for two white vessel sinks, while wall-mounted faucets eliminate countertop clutter and emphasize the horizontal lines of the cabinetry.

An illuminated mirror visually connects both sink stations, and coordinated brass and bronze details introduce warmth against the material palette.

BEFORE



BEFORE:

ENCLOSED AND VISUALLY SEPARATED

The original shower was bordered by a tall partition wall that divided the room and limited views through the bathroom. Light-colored tile and basic fixtures provided function, but the shower lacked the material character and integrated storage expected in the updated space.

AFTER



AFTER:

OPENED TO LIGHT + VIEW

Removing the upper portion of the shower wall and replacing it with clear glass dramatically opens the bathroom without requiring additional square footage. The new enclosure allows light and views to continue through the shower toward the adjoining bedroom.

Locally handmade Mercury Mosaics tile in a rich denim tone gives the shower depth and craftsmanship, while two integrated niches provide purposeful storage. Champagne bronze fixtures add warmth and contrast against the tile.

BEFORE



AFTER



MATERIALS WITH PURPOSE

- **LOCALLY MADE TILE** Handmade Mercury Mosaics tile brings an artisan element to the shower. The vertically stacked tile emphasizes height while subtle variation inherent to the handmade material adds texture and depth.
- **CUSTOM RIFT-CUT OAK** Flat-panel rift-cut oak cabinetry introduces natural warmth while maintaining the clean geometry of the contemporary design. The Grey Elm stain allows the grain to remain visible without competing with the stronger shower tile.
- **WARM METAL DETAILS:** Luxe Gold, Champagne Bronze, brushed bronze and brass finishes are layered throughout the bathroom rather than relying on a single fixture collection. The warm metals provide continuity across plumbing, cabinetry hardware, shower glass and lighting.



PROJECT Recap

CLIENT OBJECTIVES

The homeowners wanted their primary bathroom to feel consistent with the modern, contemporary updates made throughout the rest of their home. The renovation also provided an opportunity to address existing water-related concerns and create a bathroom that felt brighter, more cohesive and more comfortable for everyday use.

FUNCTIONALITY

The existing footprint was retained but improved through targeted changes. Opening the upper shower wall improves sight lines and light, recessed niches add integrated storage, and heated flooring increases comfort. Updated plumbing and electrical systems support wall-mounted faucets, vessel sinks, an illuminated mirror and bidet toilet.

INNOVATION

The most impactful change required no additional square footage. Replacing the upper portion of the shower partition with clear glass allows light and views to travel through the room, fundamentally changing its sense of openness while retaining the functional organization of the original floor plan.

AESTHETICS

Natural rift-cut oak, white quartz, handmade denim tile and warm metal finishes create a contemporary palette with depth and warmth. The restrained material selection connects the bathroom to updates throughout the rest of the home without making the room feel overly designed.

CRAFTSMANSHIP

Precision was particularly important at the vanity and shower. Wall-mounted faucets required carefully coordinated rough-ins with vessel sink and countertop heights, while handmade shower tile, recessed niches, glass installation, cabinetry and lighting required alignment across multiple trades.

PROBLEM-SOLVING

Rather than expanding the bathroom, the renovation focused resources on improving the existing space. Existing water-damaged materials were removed as the bathroom was opened to the drywall, allowing affected areas to be corrected before new waterproofing and finishes were installed.



CLIENT Review



WE LOVE {Renovation Company Mentioned}! Before and after is below - we had water damage in our original bathroom, lots of wear and tear on our cabinetry. {Renovation Company Name} brought a designer to the table who came up with a brilliant idea to open our space, we worked with vendors who were responsive, and the communication was fabulous. Truly a joy: a contractor who over-communicates, who fixes issues as they come up, who spots problems before I even imagined it was a problem. The attention to detail and quality here is like nothing I've ever experienced. From the initial project design, to every step of the permitting process, to absolute perfection in performance. Have you ever done a renovation and felt like it was a joy? I have!

- Homeowner