

NARI MINNESOTA – 2025 ROTY AWARDS

PROJECT: Joyful Retro Bathroom Remodel

CATEGORY: Bathroom \$70,000 TO \$100,000

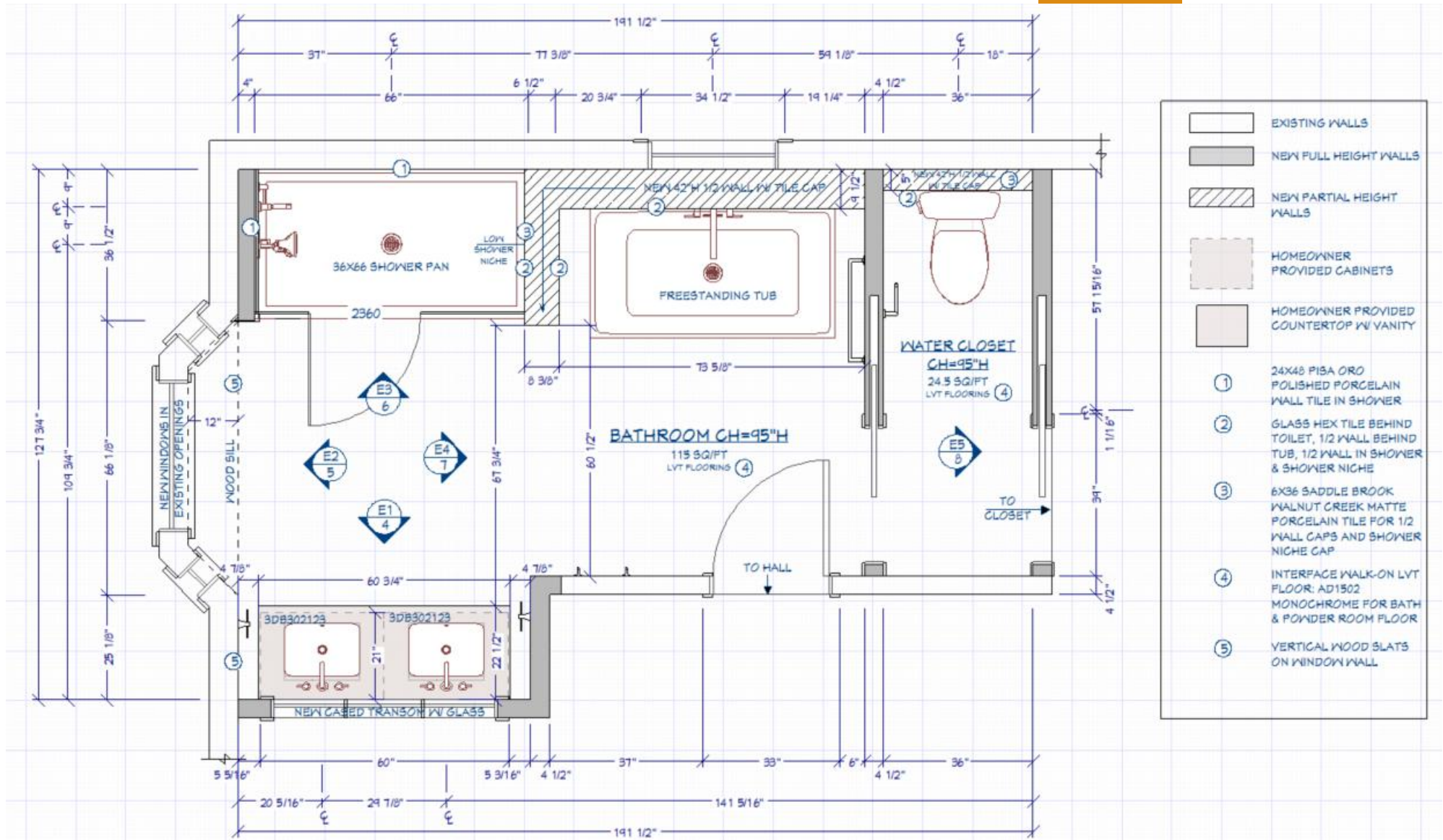
Design Vision:

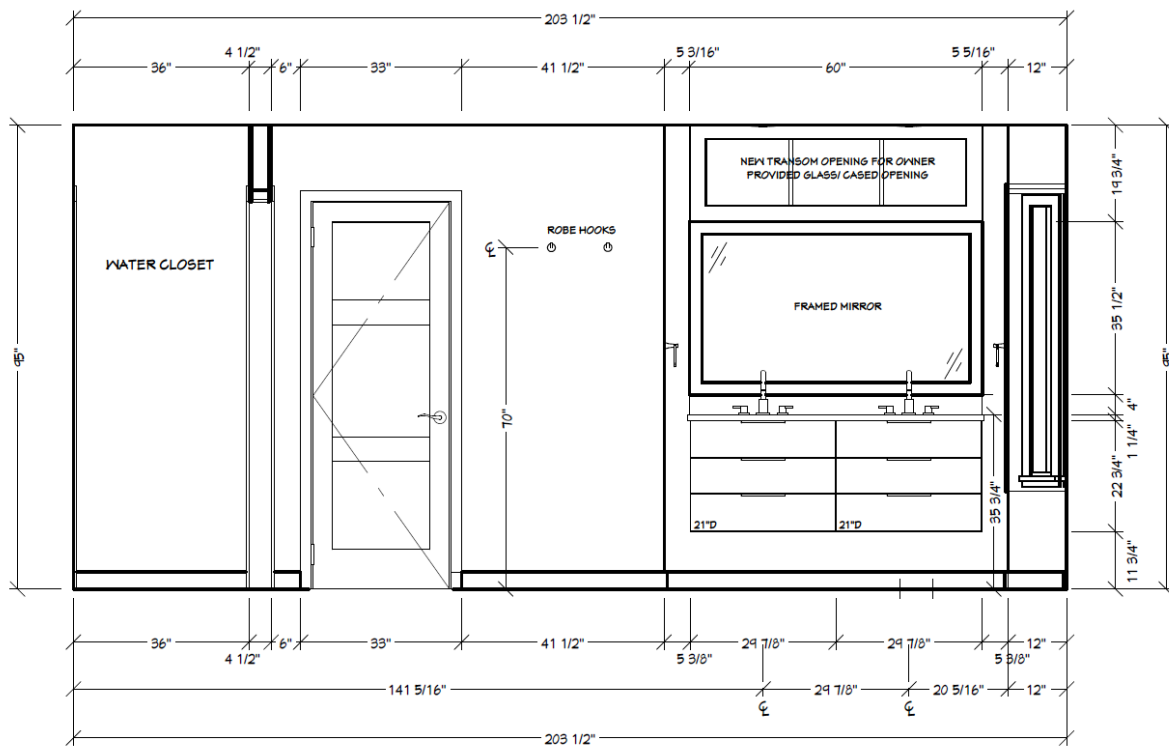
This primary bathroom was designed to give the clients exactly what they desired: a much larger, joyful retreat that celebrates their love for mid-century modern design while embracing today's comfort and function. From the moment you enter, the space feels both vibrant and timeless. A large bay window floods the enlarged room with natural light, creating the perfect stage for the sculptural soaking tub, which anchors the room as both a focal point and a place of relaxation.

Cheerful yellow tile paired with playful retro orange accents infuses the bathroom with warmth and energy, while the use of rich wood tones and sleek floating cabinetry provides balance and sophistication. To ground the bold color palette, marble-look porcelain tile offers durability and elegance, ensuring the space will remain stylish and practical for years to come. Every detail was layered with intention—from the variety of lighting solutions that enhance mood and functionality, to the carefully selected fixtures that add personality and refinement. The design achieves exactly what the clients envisioned: a bathroom that is expressive yet cohesive, dramatic yet welcoming. It is a true reflection of their spirit, blending vintage flair with modern sensibility to create a one-of-a-kind sanctuary.



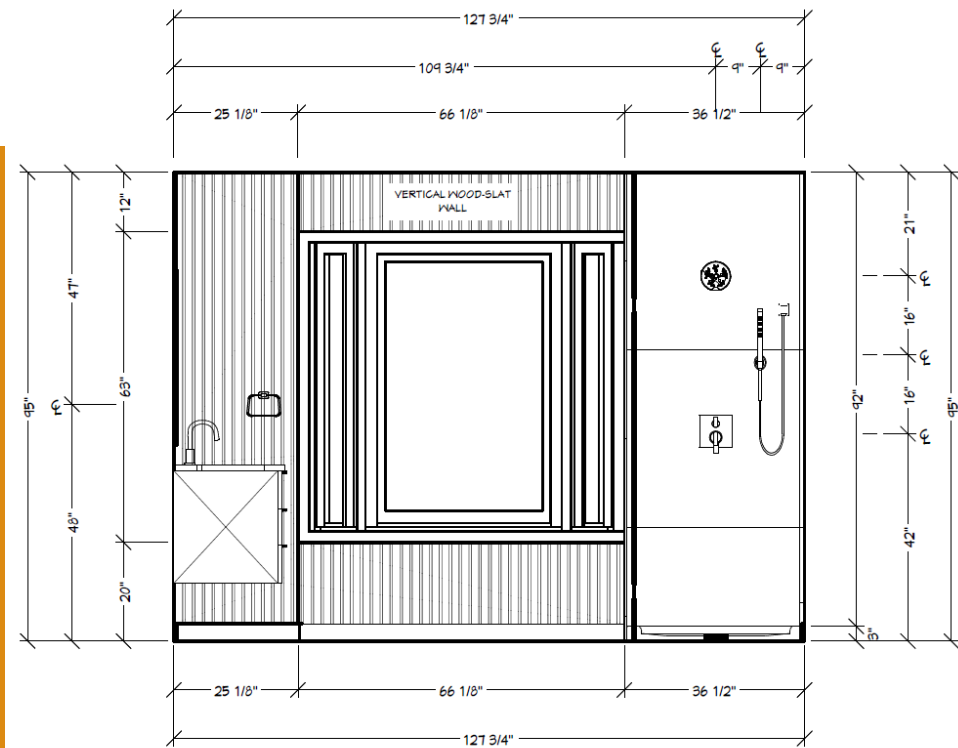
AFTER FLOOR PLAN WITH DETAILS



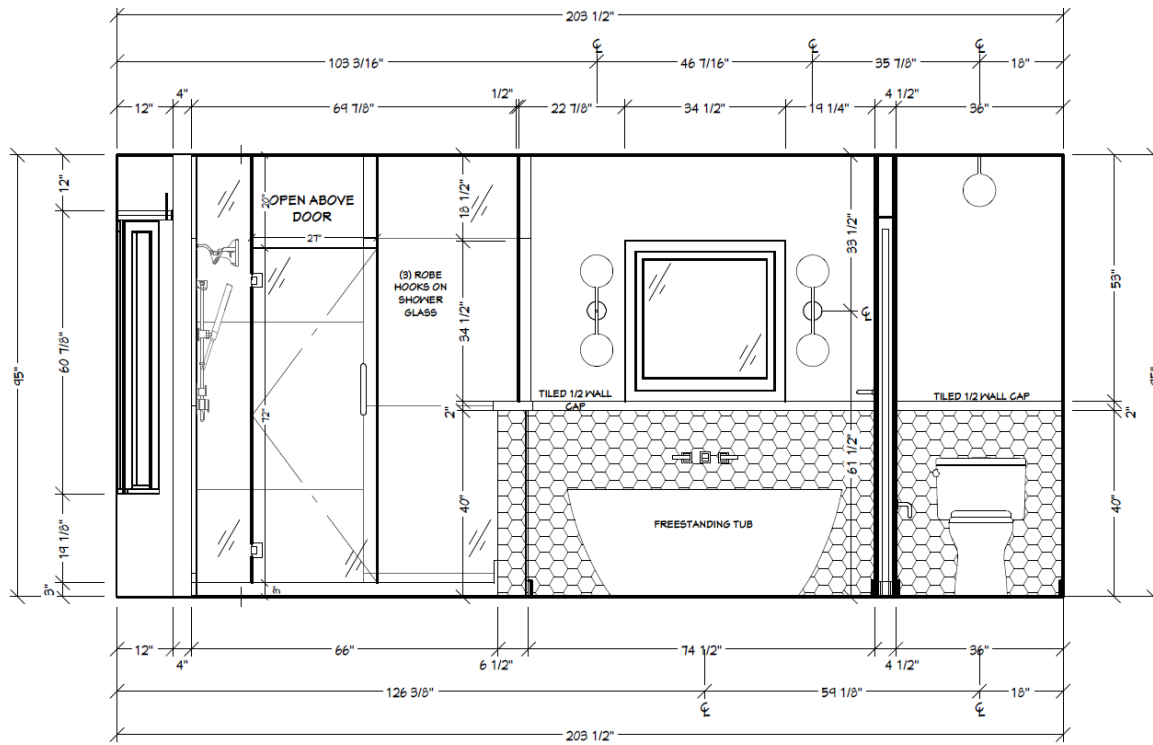


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AFTER ELEVATIONS— E1, E2

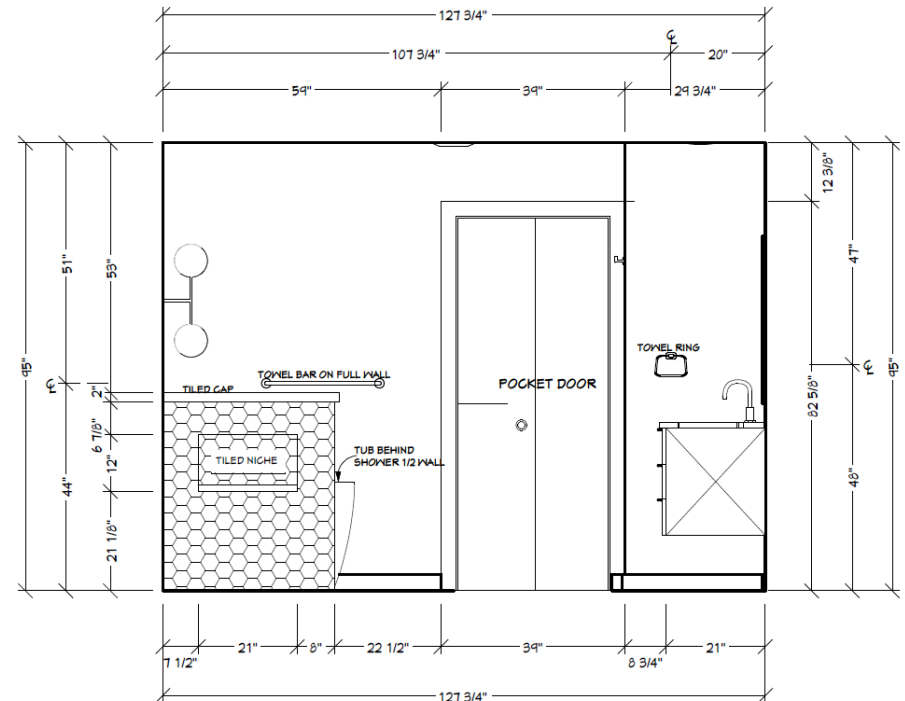


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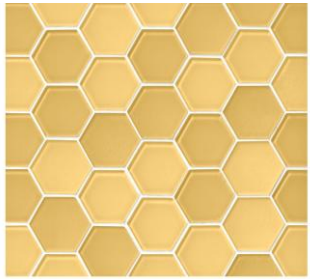
E3 ELEVATION
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AFTER ELEVATIONS— E3, E4

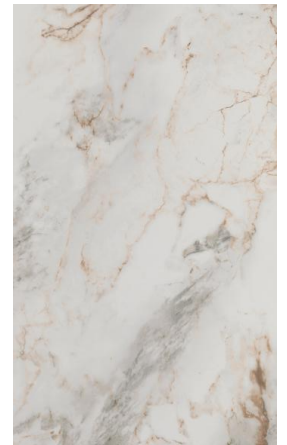


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DECORATIVE PRODUCT SELECTIONS



Quality Materials on a Budget: A tight budget meant every design choice had to be well-researched and carefully evaluated. Many items were purchased at discounted pricing via the client connections without compromising the desired style or quality desired.



PROJECT CHALLENGES

Challenge: We discovered that the previous remodel left a corner of the new bathroom floor unsupported.

Solution: we ran beams across the room and sistered the floor joists.

Challenge: We needed to run plumbing through the floor the opposite direction of the joist.

Solution: Added blocking doubled up the floor joists.



Challenge: We could not move the duct work behind the new toilet.

Solution: We bumped the wall out behind the toilet and added a niche.



BEFORE PHOTOS



AFTER PHOTOS P1



Shower Design: The transparent glass shower enclosure showcases large-format porcelain tile with a marble aesthetic, delivering elegance and openness. Wood-toned details and black plumbing fixtures tie it to the room's retro-modern narrative.



AFTER PHOTOS P2



Color & Materials: A fearless palette of bright yellow, retro orange, and matte black contrasts with warm wood accents. Marble-look large-format porcelain tiles add elegance, while playful color blocking and textures recall the spirit of the 1950s.



AFTER PHOTOS P3



Lighting & Fixtures: Bold fixtures and mid-century inspired lighting add personality and warmth. Layers of light—natural and artificial—bring vibrancy and flexibility to the space throughout the day.



AFTER PHOTOS P4



Vanity & Storage: A floating wood vanity provides functional storage with sculptural beauty. Integrated lighting and mirrors maintain visual simplicity while supporting daily routines. A wood framed, yellow, bottle glass window on the new wall above the vanity adds color, texture, and a period look.

Wood Details: Wood-look tile, vertical wall planking, and integrated shelving within the showerer and a ledge on the wall behind the tub reinforce the mid-century aesthetic and provides a landing for artful Décor.

AFTER PHOTOS P5



Wow Factor: The moment you enter, a sculptural bathtub takes center stage—set against a backdrop of cheerful yellow hex tile and anchored by a terrazzo-look LVT floor, two orange and black vintage look, sconces which flank the window above. The visual impact is immediate and unforgettable.

Client Connection: The bathroom reflects the clients' unique taste and energy. Every detail—from the retro sconces to the saturated color accents—was selected to echo their love of vintage style with a fresh, modern twist.

Project Summary

Design Vision: The goal was to create a spacious, light-filled primary bathroom that celebrates the bold personality of the homeowners while honoring mid-century modern design. The result is a dramatic transformation that is both highly functional and visually joyful.

Expanded Layout: The bathroom was enlarged by 65 square feet, allowing for improved flow, a private space for the toilet, dual user functionality, and the inclusion of a striking bay window that bathes the room in natural light.

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Challenges: Relocating the plumbing directly above the home's entry required sacrificing a small portion of the entry closet. Previous remodel required many unforeseen repairs. A tight budget meant every design choice had to be well-researched, and carefully evaluated. Many items were purchased on sale without compromising the desired style or quality.

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