

SMALL AND FUNCTIONAL,
THIS BATH IS PACKED
WITH STYLE AND A HOST OF
ECO-FRIENDLY ELEMENTS

modern edge

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ABOVE: "The rain showerhead was a bit pricey," admits the designer. "But it's the husband's favorite feature now."

BELOW: With a private toilet niche and separate shower and tub, the room's existing layout worked. "It didn't need changing, just updating," says McKay.



Chrome fixtures and black glass Besa pendant lights give the marble a modern edge. The vanity's wood tones prevent the room from feeling sterile.





LEFT: Twin vanities lend interest along with ample storage for toiletries. The large mirror with tumbled marble tile surround visually enhances the bath's dimensions.

coming into the room, the door connecting it to the bedroom was given a glass insert and the wall between the shower and vanity was removed. Contemporary see-through shower walls now leave the compact space feeling bright and open.

Pristine Carrara marble—polished 12-inch-square tiles on the tub surround with a complementary wall mosaic of tumbled marble—provides a spa-like bath area. The floor is a medley of the natural stone, too. A basket-weave tile insert serves as a memorable design statement. “Incorporating different layers of the same material gives the room interest. Marble is classic, but we’ve used it in a modern way,” says McKay.

In place of a bulky vanity, the couple commissioned a pair of custom cabinets made of Roseburg SkyBlend Particleboard (100% recycled wood fiber) stained a rich walnut. The dual units visually lighten the bath, boosting its airiness. A streamlined, divided, double-vessel sink floating ever so gently on top, geometric chrome faucets, and a supersize mirror leave no doubt that this bath has moved into the 21st century. McKay had the existing pot lights refitted with cylindrical hanging lights with contemporary black shades. Handsome and efficient, the couple’s bath now works every bit as well as it looks. ■



Sometimes luck pairs the perfect people. The owners of this Port Moody, British Columbia, residence met and commissioned Vancouver-based designer and HGTV Canada star Ami McKay to help remodel their 1980s home with her distinct flair and respect for the environment. The overhaul to the home was a top-to-bottom endeavor, but high on the list was tackling the dingy master bath. McKay kicked off her revamp by gutting the 75-square-foot space. “The only thing we kept was the soaking tub because of its rectilinear shape,” she says. To increase the natural light

design elements

Paint: AFM Safecoat nontoxic in Benjamin Moore's White Down OC-131 on walls and Cloud White CC-40 on trim and ceiling; Vanities: Walnut finished Roseburg SkyBlend Particleboard; Faucets: Cascade Ki-Tech; Sink: Aquatica; Tiles: Bianco Carrara Marble; Lights: Besa Iona.

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