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Before & After Baths



Z In the Zone

Streamlined space makes a calming master bath

From the looks of the room, visitors might have thought they'd wandered into the Blue Grotto rather than the 1920s-era San Francisco master bath of Pearl Yee and Doug Wong. "The owners wanted something modern and bright and open," says designer Lucy Junus, of Lucy Junus Interior Design in San Francisco. But the room needed more than just a visual rehab: The shower was starting to leak, according to contractor Steve Plath, of Plath Construction in San Rafael, California.

So Plath and Junus went to work overhauling the space. Plath had to bring both the plumbing and the electrical up to snuff and then shift all the pieces around. For her part, Junus went to work configuring a more open arrangement starting with a large, glass-enclosed shower that abuts the new tub. Using Princess Yellow for the floor, countertops, and tub deck added much needed warmth and continuity to the space.

Pearl and Doug have two children, but the master bath is all their own. "I wanted to create a soothing, Zen feeling in the bath. Sort of like a spa retreat," Junus says. ■

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ABOVE: The new glass-enclosed shower is open and bright. A separate compartment for the toilet is surrounded by a frosted-glass door and walls.

LEFT: Junus chose makore (African cherry) for the vanity and recessed medicine cabinets because of its rich color and attractive vertical grain. It plays well against the modern touches, like clean-lined white basin sinks and polished chrome fixtures.

OPPOSITE: The old master bath, done in turquoise tile with pink fixtures, was in desperate need of a makeover.

WHAT WAS DONE

- Updated plumbing and electrical
- Reconfigured the layout of the bath to open up the space
- Installed new tub, vanity and shower
- Brought in all new materials, including limestone floors and countertops



AFTER Without increasing the footprint, the room was reconfigured to fit a double vanity, shower, tub and separate water closet into the new master bath.

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