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OPPOSITE: Thanks to eye-catching wallpaper, a freestanding tub, classic floor tile, and a pop of color on the vanity, this once dull and dated bathroom seems bigger and brighter. RIGHT: Crystal finials accent the towel bars and echo the elegance of the wallpaper's subtle metallic lines.



fine lines

Classic elements balance high-contrast floor tile and metallic wallpaper with a bold apple-green vanity.

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color is her fountain of youth.



Just ask Jeanne Sellers—going on 90, but still living strong in her Atlanta townhome—who keeps redoing rooms with colors that

are anything but dull. "I like creative rooms," Jeanne says. "And I've always been drawn to black and white with a bright color mixed in."

Interior design team Joann Kandrac and Kelly Kole had used this dramatic wallpaper in their offices and got an enthusiastic response from Jeanne when they suggested it for her master bath. An elegant black claw-foot tub anchors the room. "Other than the color scheme, Jeanne's biggest wish was for a claw-foot tub," Kandrac says. The tub and floor tile brought in more black-and-white timeless elements, yet it's a bright green vanity that adds the pizzazz. The stock cabinet was painted and glazed for a custom look.

The adjacent shower continues a mix of saving and splurging, with simple white subway tiles used in most of the shower, but green accent tiles on the walls and floor to add texture and color.

"We bought a slipcovered Parsons chair to add softness," Kole says. "It was an inexpensive find, and then we added a large decorative monogram for a custom look." A modern light fixture over the tub almost looks like fireworks overhead—a fitting metaphor for this successful remodeling project. "Jeanne wanted to feel happy when she walked in the room, and I think we've accomplished that," Kandrac says.

LEFT: A single-sink Carrara marble counter tops this practical and pretty vanity. ABOVE: "We selected this flush-mount fixture to give the bath a glamorous feeling," designer Joann Kandrac says. OPPOSITE: A frameless shower surround creates an open, sophisticated environment.

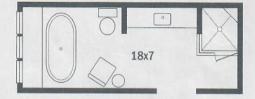


budget

3,000
1,865
1,200
800
515
1,500
700

Total





\$13,472

The designers kept the same floor plan for this 18×7-foot master bath. Simple updates like a new vanity and bold wallpaper make the bath feel bright and spacious.

Protect Marble Countertops

Marble is a soft stone prone to scratches and stainsbut don't despair! It's easy to take care of your investment.

START WITH SEALING. Most types of marble need to be sealed for best performance. Have a local professional in the stone industry assess your particular marble and recommend products for your care routine. Regularly resealing marble will also help prevent stains and erosion.

ACT FAST. Wipe up any spills immediately, whether it's mouthwash or lip gloss-even water will leave marks. Use soft cloths and water to clean spills; do not use abrasive or acidic cleaners, because they will likely erode the marble.

PRACTICE PREVENTION. Place toiletries on trays to prevent dripping (be sure to pick a tray with a soft or smooth bottom to thwart scratches). Be mindful of heated tools, too.