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Everyday solutions

A new master bathroom updates a 1920s bungalow with vintage Craftsman character.

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The challenge: Create a new master bathroom accented with design details inspired by the bungalow's original Arts and Crafts architectural style.

The design team: Architect Mark Nelson, David Heide Design Studio, Minneapolis, 612-337-5060, www.dhdstudio.com. The contractor was Crown Construction, Golden Valley.



Architect Mark Nelson

The solution: The homeowners, who were nearing retirement, decided to sell their big suburban home and downsize to a 1922-built bungalow in St. Paul. The home had only one tiny bathroom down the hall from the master bedroom. Nelson took square footage from an existing second bedroom to create the new master bathroom, which is part of a remodeled main-floor master suite. His design had to fit all the owners' requests — from his-and-her sinks to a soaking tub — into a limited space.

Staying in character: Built-in vintage-style medicine cabinets, Sheraton sconces, hexagon mosaic-tile floor, quartersawn white oak vanity and matching millwork all echo the home's period style. The clean subway tile wainscot visually makes the bathroom appear larger, said Nelson. "The tile has a matte, rather than a glossy finish," he said. "It's more subtle and soft."

Art-glass accent: Nelson and the homeowners collaborated with Monarch Studios on the apple tree budding-branch design in the stained-glass window above the tub in the bathroom and in the foyer. "It's an art piece that also transfers light between the foyer and bathroom," he said.

Age in place: The owners chose a curbless tiled shower with a stone bench for easy access and comfort.

Window works: Nelson put in a new window, made of glue chip glass, on the far wall. "It's a patterned glass used during this time period," he said. "It gives you privacy and also lets in light."

At-home spa: The bathroom is outfitted with heated floors, handheld sprays in the shower and tub and a sound system.

The result: "The owners have a comfortable, period-appropriate master spa that has modern amenities and fits with the character of their house," said Nelson.

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TOP: The new master bathroom combines a warm vintage vibe with the features many want today, such as dual sinks and heated floors. **LEFT:** An art-glass window by Monarch Studios lets in light from the foyer; a storage niche is deep enough for bath towels, thanks to minimal space taken from the foyer coat closet. **RIGHT:** Before remodeling their bungalow, the homeowners used an outdated, tiny bathroom down the hall.

After photos by GREG PAGE

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Rise and shine

Does your bedroom feel tired and mundane? Gabberts experts will demonstrate ways to infuse glamour, intrigue and excitement into your in-home retreat at the free seminar "Romancing the Master Suite," from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday and repeated on Oct. 25. A complimentary appetizer from McCormick and Schmick's follows the event at Gabberts in the Galleria, 69th St. and France Av. S., Edina. Register at www.gabberts.com or call 952-928-3123.

Stylish harvest

It's time to bring Minnesota's vibrant fall hues into your living spaces. Bachman's "Harvesting Fall

Style" workshop explores the latest fall interior and floral-design trends and shows how to craft a floral arrangement inspired by autumn colors. The event is from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and includes a self-guided tour of Bachman's Fall Ideas House and gourmet recipe samples. Cost is \$75 and includes materials; \$20 donated to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Bachman's is at 6010 Lyndale Av. S., Minneapolis. Register at www.bachmans.com or call 612-861-7600.

Castle home tour

Contemplating ways to update and improve your home? Castle Building & Remodeling will showcase some of

the company's "everyday" projects at 19 homes, ranging from finished basements to a second-story addition in the Twin Cities metro area.

The free remodeling tour also includes three landscaped properties with gardens, paver patios and water features and two eco-friendly kitchens designed by Natural Built Home. Remodeling pros will be in the homes to answer questions about the process, budget and how to make smart decisions. Remodeling-related prizes, including a \$5,000 project, will be given away. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 28. For tour home locations, go to www.castlehometour.com.

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