

"Sometimes compromise can actually make a project better. It's vital to not fall in love with the first idea you have and to explore all options in order to make informed decisions."



David Heide,
David Heide Design Studio,
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MELLOW YELLOW

When designer David Heide, of Minneapolis' David Heide Design Studio, stepped into his clients' home, he knew that the best part about working on the project would be the same thing that made it difficult: The house was located within a National Register historic district. "I had to work with historic precedent and allow the design to be informed by other parts of the house, since I had to maintain its integrity," he says. But he also had to fulfill a rather unusual request: "We had to reuse the existing bathtub and toilet—both manufactured by the long-shuttered Crane and Ordway, which had once been run by the homeowners' relatives." There were, however,

still many elements to be figured out. Borrowing from the rich decorative motifs found throughout the home, Heide created a new arch-topped, art glass window to bring light into the new bathroom without affecting any exterior walls. He also used traditional materials, like Carrera marble on the floors and wainscoting, and matched door and window casings to ensure continuity between the living spaces and the remodeled bath. "It's uncommon in an old house to have the luxury of this much space in the bathroom," Heide says. "It allowed us to elevate it from something utilitarian into something beautiful."



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MIRROR, MIRROR

The delicate latticework of the Ives mirror from Made Goods embodies a feminine quality only enhanced by its hand-antiqued finish. *Ives*, price upon request; madegoods.com



NEW DIMENSIONS

This whiskey decanter from Baccarat—handcrafted in full-lead crystal—can be reimagined to bring a new dimension of luxury to the bath. *Baccarat Beluga Whiskey Decanter*, \$495; baccarat-us.com



GLASS ACT

Designer David Heide commissioned a local art glass company to recreate the bathroom's new window—a design that echoes the same decorative motif original to the historic home.

