



### Sharon's Backstory (Bath)

After having completed two other projects for this client, I was asked to tackle the master bathroom. Although this room was supposed to be first on her list of remodeling projects, it was put on hold until we finished her sunroom and kitchen renovations.

Sharon had a long term desire for a complete bathroom makeover and now it was becoming a necessity. Specifically, there were two critical elements that needed to change; eliminating an oversized, unused bathtub and enlarging the shower which also needed to include a bench with a handheld shower wand.

In this master bath, the original design had a long dividing wall running through the middle of the space. On one side was a double vanity and on the other, the unused bathtub. Crammed into a corner were the 3x3 shower and commode. The space was so divided and cut up that it didn't seem possible to (1) enlarge the shower, (2) give her a separate dressing table and (3) keep the double vanity. But careful planning and measuring proved invaluable to designing the new bathroom in order to give her everything she wanted.

Glass mosaic tiles, porcelain field tiles and smooth river stones comprised the shower stall, complete with the mandatory bench and handheld shower wand! A semi-frameless, custom glass enclosure finished it off.

The cabinetry was a semi-custom cherry line from Omega in a rich sable stain complete with furniture-style legs and moulding details that accentuated the vanity mirrors. She requested an area be designed to house her collection of antique milk glass and this was accomplished by designing a lighted glass cabinet as a center tower for the double vanity. Little apothecary drawers were topped with the exquisite blue onyx that was used on the double vanity and dressing table. A deep storage drawer was added under the window.

To finish the space in formal fashion, custom window treatments, vanity stool and dressing chair were designed and ordered in styles and fabrics to compliment the blue in the shower tiles and in the onyx countertops. Other finishing touches included oil rubbed bronze Moen fixtures and upscale sconces and a mini-chandelier from Framburg.

Now Sharon tells me she is often late to work because she is spending too much time in her new master bathroom! Mission accomplished.