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# THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY (...OF A BATHROOM RENO)

*No renovation is fun; kitchens and bathrooms in particular can be the most inconvenient.*

Think of them like labor pains, however. When it's over, you tend to forget the headache and stress and marvel at the beauty you now call your own. There is nothing more satisfying than an updated master bathroom, especially when its one of the last things on the to-do list, because, let's face it, who goes in there but you? No one really sees it. When it's completed and gorgeous, you wonder what took you so long.

My clients Sheri and Eric Sayman had such a space. Their master bedroom and bathroom needed a major facelift. We decided not to do any major layout changes; the shower would stay in the same place, as would the sinks and toilet. The face of everything, however, would change entirely.

I started by choosing a new tile for the floors and walls. I wanted everything from the floor to ceiling to be covered in a soothing grey and white marble look. A grey-washed plank tile would cover the bathroom floors and I chose a penny tile for the shower floor. New millwork, new lighting, new sinks and wall-mount faucets also entered this space. The pièce de résistance — the new shower doors. Custom made by Tuan Hoang Le, these doors were meant to be a statement piece and they succeeded absolutely. I could not be happier with the result. When Sheri told me she couldn't get her 'tween boys out of her new shower, I knew I had succeeded. A new family favorite.

A couple tips in any re-design project: Find a showstopper piece and go for it! Secondly, call a professional.

Kitchen and bathroom renovations might push you over the edge sometimes, but ultimately, it's always well worth it! ♦

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