

Bathroom Transformed- Space Planning

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Before

Layout

The original configuration created wasted space, offered no meaningful storage, and featured mismatched carpeting in poor condition. The area with the red carpet served little purpose, despite a clear need for additional storage.

To improve both function and flow, I reimagined this space as a closet, positioned where the second bedroom entrance once existed. This new layout maximizes usable square footage while addressing storage needs in a thoughtful way.



After



Before

Demo

To open the space, the original doorway was removed, and the entrance was relocated directly across from the closet. This new placement created a more logical and efficient circulation path while improving overall flow.

Repositioning the entrance allowed for a larger vanity and eliminated visual and physical obstructions caused by the original layout. The result is a more functional, open space with improved balance and usability.



After



Before

Opened Up

The space was fully opened by removing the original doorway, which was not load-bearing and therefore did not require additional structural support. Eliminating the doorway allowed for a wider vanity and improved visual openness.

While tile was initially considered, it would have been more susceptible to shifting over time, potentially leading to cracked or broken pieces so sheet vinyl was substituted. A neutral wall color was selected to complement the new flooring and maintain a cohesive, light-filled feel



After



Before

Functional

The original shower was extremely tight, offering barely enough room to turn around. By removing the shower and corner wall and extending the tiled shower in the direction of the water closet (WC) approximately an additional foot of usable space was gained.

An adjustable shower arm was installed to allow greater flexibility and comfort, eliminating the cramped experience of facing the wall. The WC was relocated to improve circulation and create sufficient room for a towel holder and a designated dressing area. The result is a bathroom that feels significantly more open, functional, and comfortable for everyday use.



After



Before

Welcome Natural Light

That corner had always felt unresolved. Behind it was a small built-in desk with a window beside it, facing a wall and serving little purpose in the bedroom it once belonged to. I envisioned incorporating the window into the bathroom design to allow natural light to flow freely through the space.

The WC was thoughtfully tucked into a recessed nook, meeting required clearances while maintaining privacy and visual balance within the room. A discreet pull-down blind was added to maintain privacy when needed without sacrificing light or visual openness.



After

The WC was relocated to improve flow, privacy, and overall functionality.



After