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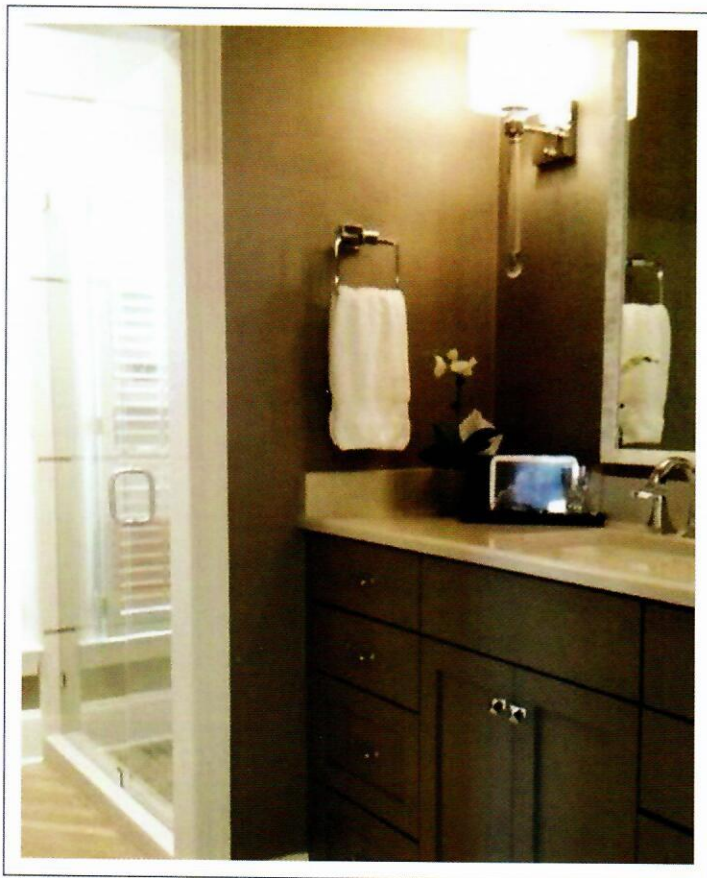
THE Men's Room

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OVER THE YEARS, it has come to my attention that my husband and I are different. Nowhere do we differ more than in our organization in the closet and bathroom. You may say that I am "artistic," and Tom is "precise." I see makeup as art (read: big mess). I get ready to go out within a 1/2 second of the time we should leave, and he prefers to leave five minutes early.

WE ARE LUCKY to have a guest room that has a full walk-in closet off the guest bathroom. About a year ago, Tom asked if it might be a good idea if he moved his clothes and toiletries into the guest suite to allow me to have more room. It was his nice way of saying, "I can't take it anymore!" Cue the chorus!

Now it's time to redo the guest bathroom. Since the only guest we usually have is my father, I chose to renovate the bathroom decidedly masculine for my favorite guys. My trouble-free suggestion for designing a masculine bath is to concentrate on the textures of the simple elements, not adding more objects to the space. Oh, while they are both happy campers, I have the run of the master!



Color

Men tend to like contrast or monochromatic colors as a base and small pops of color. I chose the wall colors after we selected the tile. I knew he would love the herringbone, and he likes subtle monochromatic colors with a bit of contrast.

Ceiling

In the bath, I painted the ceiling a mid-range beige. In the dressing area, I put up a masculine plaid wallpaper.

Tile

Think menswear. We went with a marvelous herringbone tile on the floor that looks like wood, but is natural stone.

Cabinet

The older countertops were 30", and the new standard is 36". Since both of my boys are tall, I made the countertop 40" high. No more complaints about having to bend over to brush their teeth.

Walls

Even though my husband says, "Just paint will be fine," I put up a pewter-colored wallpaper that gives a feel of leather on the walls.

Lighting

Strong, hearty, masculine sconces and flush-mount lighting was used with the chrome finish that is also found in all of the plumbing fixtures.

Artwork

I framed an old painting my father had purchased in Paris in the 1960s. I suggest something with history or black and white prints. There is nothing like the contrast to bring in a masculine feel.

Mirror

To balance the really high counter, I had a 48" high custom mirror—extremely tall!—made to add to the bigger-than-life feel of this small bath.



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