

Taking The Plunge Into Bathroom Renovation

(NAPSA)—How often have you flipped on the bathroom light, sighing as you look at the chipped vanity top, pink tiled bathtub and boring walls? Have you been delaying a bathroom renovation because you aren't sure where to begin or how difficult the process will be?

Well, the truth is that bathroom renovation is as easy or as difficult as you make it, as long as you keep a few tips in mind.

First, set a budget. Because product installation can account for a quarter of renovation costs, it is wise to consider products that are less labor intensive, such as factory customizable vanity tops or shower and tub surfaces.

"Many customers come into our showroom with their minds made up," said Jeff Renner, manager of McKenna's Kitchen and Bath in Rochester, N.Y. "You should look at a variety of products, keeping in mind that customizable products can save you time and money in the long run."

One such product, The Transolid Design Series™ Vanity Tops, which can be purchased at bath and kitchen showrooms, is completely customizable, including vanity top color, bowl options and edging choices. Once the order is placed, the Transolid vanity top arrives from the factory within two weeks, ready for installation.

A second important tip is to keep the project as simple as possible. If the plumbing doesn't need replacing and the floor is in good shape, start with subtle changes that will transform the entire look of your bathroom, such as a fresh coat of moisture-resistant paint or a new solid surface vanity top.

The next guideline for bathroom renovation is to ask for help when you need it. Because no matter how much you know about bathroom renovation, it is always helpful to work with professionals who can guide you through the project.



A factory-customizable Transolid Vanity Top can transform an entire bathroom without months of disruptive renovation.

"Many people think they know everything about bathroom products," Renner said. "But a designer or contractor can identify a design aspect you've never thought of."

Lastly, keep a notebook of ideas for your new bathroom, such as paint chips and magazine clippings. If you're not sure where to start, research online for innovative ideas, such as the Design Center at www.transolid.com, an online tool that guides you through the design options for a new bath vanity.

So remember these suggestions from the experts at McKenna Kitchen and Bath as you take the plunge into your bathroom renovation. With a little patience and a well thought-out plan, the bathroom of your dreams is just around the corner:

- Set a realistic budget for your bathroom renovation projects.
- Keep things as simple as possible, starting with small changes that make a big difference.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help from design and remodeling professionals who can guide you through the project.
- Compile a list of your ideas and take advantage of interactive design tools on the Internet, such as the Design Center at www.transolid.com.