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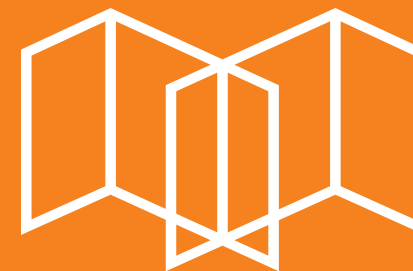


"We used MDB for design and construction on a whole house remodel of our 1883 house in downtown Boulder. We couldn't be more pleased. Their architect, Tom, did an amazing job of creating a plan to add a new bedroom, bathroom and laundry room upstairs, rework our formerly treacherous staircase into an architectural centerpiece, and add an awesome study."

— Scott & Amanda, Boulder

"Whenever something unexpected would come up during the construction process, they worked very closely with me. If anything needed to be changed, they always provided creative suggestions."

— Laurie, Boulder



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A SPACIOUS SANCTUARY

Removing a closet opens up a roomy, light-filled retreat in a mid-century home

THE MASTER BATHROOM CAN BE A REFRESHING sanctuary for a young couple with small children. It's a place to retreat to, soak away the day's stresses and wind down for the evening. A young Boulder couple sought just that in the remodel of the master bath in their Newlands 1950s home.

The two main things that the homeowners didn't like about their master bath were its

size and layout. They wanted more space, a freestanding tub and a fresh, bright room. A modern design aesthetic was important to suit the couple's personal tastes.

To give the homeowners the space they were looking for, Melton Architect Tom Cattany absorbed an adjacent closet into the bathroom allowing for an open layout and room for the freestanding tub and a separate water closet.

"We were up against a lot of obstacles including low ceilings and poor plumbing locations," Cattany says. "It was an extensive project to move the plumbing and raise the ceiling, but those items and capturing the closet space were the most sensible ways to achieve what the homeowners wanted." The result is a spacious, light-filled bathroom.

The finishes make the space as practical as it is beautiful. "She really liked the look of marble," says Renée Urbanowicz, Melton's in-house designer. "But since the couple has a young child, I suggested a porcelain equivalent to ensure that the space would look fresh and new for years



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A NOTE FROM TY

WILDFIRES ARE NOT A NEW THING for Coloradoans, but each year I continue to be amazed by the devastation. The images of distraught homeowners and footage on the news of billowing smoke and blazing flames tug at my heartstrings. To think of nearly 400 families suddenly without homes from the Black Forest fire astonishes me.



Being in the home remodeling business, we at Melton Design Build understand how much people love their homes. A home is where memories are created, family dinners are shared, game-night is played, baby's first steps are taken, high school students pose for prom pictures and on and on. Not to mention it's the place where our memories and mementos are kept. To lose all that...it leaves me speechless. Our thoughts go out to those affected by the forest fires. May your memories stay alive in your hearts as you rebuild and start anew.

— Ty Melton

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to come." Porcelain is durable and easy to maintain, making the bright, white bathroom a breeze to keep clean.

Other materials used for their durability as well as modern look were white, oversized tile in the shower, concrete-colored Caesarstone countertop and Maple cabinetry in a simple slab style. Under-mount sinks lend to the modern design. A new skylight allows maximum daylight to enter the bathroom.

While the vaulted ceiling is great for creating a spacious feel, it also created a challenge for installing a rainhead in the shower. Urbanowicz located a wall-mount style that offers the same luxurious experience. The brushed nickel fixtures are a perfect complement to the soft grays throughout the room. Instead of a dated, small master bath, the couple now has a spa-like retreat right in their own home. ■



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LOFT-STYLE LIVING IN ANY HOME ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

By Katrin Kitzman

BYGONE ARE THE DAYS OF SEGREGATED SPACES FOR COOKING, DINING AND WATCHING TELEVISION. Today’s homes are blending common areas and returning to open floor plans. Homeowners are tearing down walls in traditional homes to accommodate a new way of living.

Loft-style living spaces originated in the 1950s and 1960s in artistic communities located in large cities. Loft apartments were often abandoned industrial shops that were renovated into housing. They tended to embody contemporary and urban design characteristics and were influenced by modern art movements. Artists and craftsmen took advantage of loft-style living spaces because of the large common areas for creating work and displaying art pieces and sculptures.

Because of the origins of loft housing, loft-style single-family homes often embody a contemporary aesthetic. Generally, they are homes converted to have either a lofted level below the ceiling, or with walls removed to resemble a large loft-style apartment. Often ceilings will be vaulted to create a feeling of openness. Fewer walls create an openness that fosters more family togetherness. Loft-style floor plans also allow for the freedom to customize and create your perfect living space. ■



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A floor mount tub filler is a beautiful addition to a free-standing tub. They come in a variety of styles from traditional to ultra-modern.

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