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OPPOSITE: A transitional vanity combines elements of classic, contemporary, and cottage style in this hall bath. **LEFT:** The countertop is a 1½-inch-thick Calacatta marble slab with a beveled edge.

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Smart choices help a small hall bath function for guests as well as for the family's twin boys.

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Add a large mirror to a small bath to make it feel more spacious.





twin purposes



were required for this hall bath—it had to be durable yet stylish. So when homeowner and designer Staci Meyers renovated her Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, ranch, she knew her challenge would be to design a room that would function both as an extra full bath and as a powder room for guests.

Midway through a whole-house remodel, Staci found out she was pregnant with twin boys. Instead of changing their renovation plans, however, she and her husband, Lonnie, took the news in stride. “We already knew the old pink bath had to go. There was a pink tub, pink sink, pink tiles, and a pink toilet,” she says. “We were glad we had already decided to include a tub because it would work for the boys, too.”

White porcelain subway tile around the tub and ceramic tile flooring with the look of marble complement the transitional-style vanity without breaking the bank. “We wanted the space to have a simple, clean feel with a modern edge and be comfortable for guests, yet young and fresh enough for Alex and Drew to grow up with,” Staci says. She tweaked the approximately 7×8-foot space to incorporate open storage in a spot previously filled by an awkward closet. Splurges include the vanity’s classic Calacatta marble custom countertop (kept in check by using a remnant, Staci says) and the heated, jetted tub where the boys have splash fests and where she and Lonnie hope to relax at the end of the day. “That is, when we can,” she says with a laugh. “After all, we do have twins.”

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about this makeover

budget

Cabinetry

Vanity	850
Vanity top	1,200

Plumbing

Faucet	270
Showerhead	135
Sink	100
Toilet	320
Tub	940

Surfaces

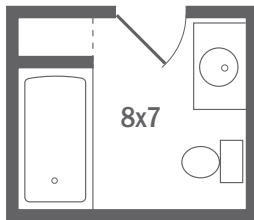
Flooring	275
Paint	45
Shower	500
Wallpaper	300

Miscellaneous

Light fixtures	300
Mirror	250

Total **\$5,485**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



Removing the door and jam on the linen closet created open storage that is easier to access in the tight space.



OPPOSITE: White 5x15-inch tile set in a vertical running bond pattern adds a subtle twist to standard tile in the shower area. **ABOVE:** Open shelves behind the door replaced an awkward closet and make it easy to access towels and toiletries. **LEFT:** Transitional hardware gives the bath a timeless feel; pencil tiles add interest to the simple white tile.