

The original bathroom with its small vanities, deck-mounted tub, and awkward fireplace were stylistically past their prime. And unbeknownst to everyone, this space was hiding a secret... “The homeowner asked for an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant accessible design for this bathroom,” Battishill says. “During the renovation, we removed the odd fireplace, only to discover it concealed a vast area behind it.” This newfound square footage, along with an adjacent unused powder room and entrance, allowed the designer to create an expansive shower that met the homeowner’s needs, complete with a radiant-heat shower bench and marble flooring and walls.

Battishill and her team replaced two small vanities with one larger vanity that had more storage and modern conveniences. “The homeowner was looking for cabinetry and a vanity that resembled furniture,” the designer says. “This allowed us the opportunity to install power outlets in the drawers and cabinets; keeping the counter free and clear.” The outcome exudes a light and airy atmosphere that will age gracefully.



A voluminous shower was installed as well as a free-standing bathtub that fits inside the original bay window so perfectly that the serendipity couldn't be overlooked.



Single vanities were exchanged with cabinetry that resembles fine furniture.



Hidden behind the original bathroom's underutilized fireplace was a vast area of newfound square footage.