

# Splash of GLAMOUR

It started with wallpaper. But eventually a complete redesign turned this narrow, plain-Jane bath into a glamorous guest getaway reminiscent of 1940s Hollywood.



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**in this makeover** NEW OPEN VANITY ... CLASSY SCONCES ...  
DRESSING TABLE ... UNDERCOUNTER SINK ... GRASS-CLOTH WALLPAPER



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**THIS PHOTO:** Homeowner Jan Kufner and designer Sherry Hest transformed this tiny space into a chic guest bath that feels seamlessly with the rest of the renovated home.

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hen homeowner Jan Robinson of Atlanta was looking to update her guest bath, designer and friend Sherry Hart suggested adding wallpaper for a quick refresh. But wallpaper sticks to one flooring

area: furniture, and accessories, too. Instead, Sherry Vargas joins a pro: girls further inspired the design with its crisp surfaces and black-and-white theme, a nod to the playful and glamorous Hollywood of the 1940s.

Hart found the green cloth paper, and Jan knew it would be perfect. It blended with the rest of the home's art, and it was subtle enough for the small space. But after reviewing the rest of the bath, they could see that the wallpaper belonged with better company.

"I went from wallpaper to, 'Well, while we're at it, we might as well do this,'" Hart says. "It was like a domino effect." She couldn't let each day's wallpaper go unappreciated, so she began looking for other upgrades.

The vanity was the next big thing to be considered. The challenge was to find one that fit the square space and had the clean, crispering feel Hart's client Jan wanted. Hart had a vanity custom made—at about the same price as a store model—to fit the white mission and to echo Jan's requests.

But like the wallpaper, the vanity had to make upgrades. The new vanity combined with the original Hart and wall tiles, so Hart swapped out Calcutta gold marble on top. The black iron pieces were cut in half and had the subway tile. Using puttying up the wall in the vanity area keeps the small space looking uniform and uncluttered.

To make the room feel bigger, Hart again went custom with the vanity wall and had a mirror cut



to sit. The reflective wall, complete with three inspired black-light fixtures, visually opens up the space and keeps it light and bright. "The mirror and lights naturally add the glam touch we were going for," Jan says.

Other little touches add to that old Hollywood feel. Jan's favorite is the custom shower curtain, which puts a modern twist on an ornate black-and-white tile pattern on white. "Wall art picks up the black and white theme as well. The glass-topped table was a practical addition, with a lot of style. It makes a natural area for printing away from the vanity and sink. It fits into that Hollywood glamour, and it's translucent so it looks like it's not taking up much space," Hart says.

This guest bath makeover wraps up a long list of renovations Jan and Hart started seven years ago. "Now the house is perfect," Jan says. "Well, except the laundry room. That's next." ☐

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**2009** The gorgeous chandelier is a custom-made addition that adds light and style to the vanity. "It's the perfect spot for the lighting, making and being part of the design," Jan says. The sophisticated white tile, with all white tiles in the space, is the first time in the history of the house.

## about this makeover

### THE BUDGET

<b>CABINETS</b>	
• Vanity	1,300
<b>PLUMBING</b>	
• Sink, faucet	535
<b>SURFACES</b>	
• Countertop	300
• Flooring	1,863
• Wallpaper	773
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
• Dressing table	600
• Light fixtures	430
• Mirror	700
• Stool	120

**TOTAL \$6,621**



### THE DETAILS

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### PICK THE RIGHT PAPER

When it comes to wallpaper, there are a few things to keep in mind. Here are some tips for choosing it.

- Small wallpaper is ideal for small spaces such as powder rooms or entry halls. They make a room appear larger and complement any color of beauty or both accessories.
- A solid color looks best if it is bold. Textured or patterned paper, even if the paper is patterned, can be a bit overwhelming.
- Vinyl wallpaper—generally, and value for money—is an effective way to modernize your bath.
- Paper size is important. If you use a large pattern in a small space, you could lose the impact.
- Repetitive patterns, in your bath, can be a good idea. It's important to choose a pattern that is subtle and doesn't repeat. A big water-resistant paper about the color of a powder room and a bathroom vanity looks very nice. It's not an ideal choice, you wouldn't need to use a very bright color in a bath that might be very busy.