

# All-out REVAMP



Simple vessels let shapely faucets steal the show



A VANCOUVER BATHROOM GETS A MODERN MAKEOVER WITH OLD WORLD CHARM.

Photography by JANIS NICOLAY

## FAST FACTS

**DESIGNER** Ami McKay, Pure Design Inc.

**VISION** A colourful bathroom blending old world and modern styles

**TIMELINE** Part of a four-month total home renovation

**SIZE** 110 sq.ft.

**TOTAL BUDGET** \$34,000

### KEY COSTS

Floor tile: \$1,700

Shower wall tile: \$300

Shower fittings: \$2,251

Tub: \$1,670

Wall-mounted faucets: \$2,992

Sinks: \$665

Pendants: \$1,995

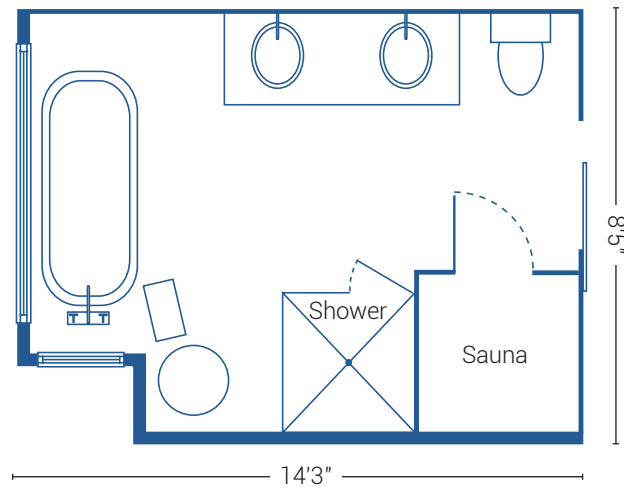


Before

Geometric pendants are an exotic touch



## The floor plan



## THE MAKEOVER

### Vanity

When Ami saw that her client was replacing her bedroom dresser, she suggested they relocate it to the bathroom to use as a vanity. "I immediately saw it as the focal point of the room and a way to add global charm," says Ami. She customized the piece with a grey marble countertop, reworked the interior drawers, then added two round vessel sinks and wall-mounted faucets in brushed bronze.

### Tub

The dated built-in bathtub and tile surround were replaced with a new freestanding version with a floor-mounted tub filler in the same brushed bronze as the sink faucets. "The warm finish of the tub filler is close to the colour of the wood on the vanity," says Ami. "It helps bring all the elements together." Instead of placing a light fixture over the tub, Ami decided to fill the negative space at one end with two asymmetrically hung pendants covered in antiqued mirror.

### Shower + Tile

The toilet was in an awkward space beside the tub, so Ami modified the floor plan to improve the room's flow and function. To create a spa-like feel, the designer relocated an existing sauna from the bedroom into the bathroom and designed a brand new shower. Because the butter yellow and blue floor tiles provide plenty of colour and pattern, Ami kept the shower walls simple with sleek white tile. A rain showerhead, along with new diverters and controls, modernize the shower.



Floor tiles in a pretty pattern feel fresh and energizing

The key was introducing natural materials to get that old world charm

— AMI MCKAY, DESIGNER

## RENO IN REVIEW



### BIGGEST COMPROMISE

"None," says designer Ami McKay. "My client was lovely and believed in my vision."

### LESSON LEARNED

"I originally chose mirrors with a different finish," says Ami. "They ended up not working because they brought another material into the room — the overall look became too busy. I replaced them with simple, white-framed mirrors, and they fit in beautifully."

**Design, contracting, woven basket** (behind shower), **wooden stool**, Pure Design Inc.; **wall, trim and ceiling colour**, Oxford White (CC-30), Benjamin Moore; **wall-mounted faucets, shower fixtures** by Brizo, Ripples Kitchen + Bath; **sinks**, Kohler; **mirrors**, West Elm; **towel bar** by California Faucets, **tub filler** by Brizo, Cantu Bathrooms and Hardware; **tub** by Mirolin, Wolseley; **pendants**, Currey & Company; **floor tile**, Ann Sacks; **artwork** by Eva Francis; **baseboards**, Westcoast Moulding & Millwork; **subway tile**, Olympia Tile & Stone.

## GET THE LOOK

Kattevik **countertop sink**, \$100. At Ikea.

Virage Single-Handle Freestanding **tub filler**, \$4,949. Through Brizo.

St. Tropez 883 A **tile**. \$7 per tile (sold in box of 10). Through Granada Tile.