

# designing a makeover



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**A**s an interior designer, it's always gratifying to get repeat work from past clients. When I received a call from long-time customers of mine to assist them in bringing their bath and kitchen up to date, I was excited for the opportunity as well as the challenge.

Built in the late 1990's, this custom home had many of the popular trends of its time—especially in the kitchen and master bath. Twenty five years later, it was definitely time for updating and changes. While I was responsible for addressing the homeowners' needs and wants and the development of a coordinated plan, All Renovation & Design of Manheim was the contractor who transformed the new design ideas into reality along with their great team of tradesmen.

To fulfill the homeowner's wishes, the master bath needed to be completely renovated. The corner whirlpool tub with columns were very dated and bulky. The shower was dark and small. In the interest of the budget, the decision was made not to relocate any of the plumbing.

While the layout was unchanged, this bathroom renovation completely transformed the look. From dark stained cabinetry to white painted cabinetry and dark hunter green tile

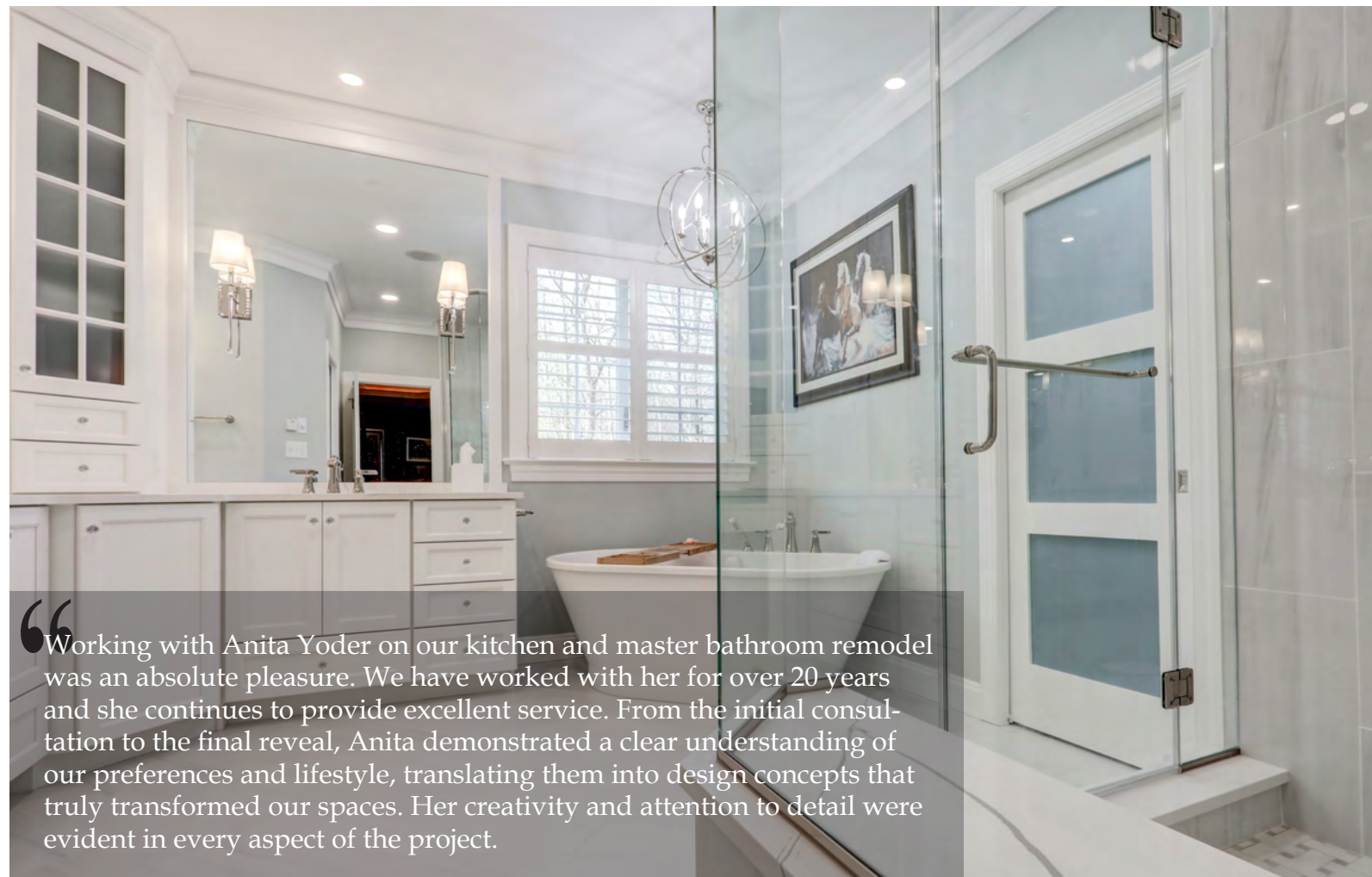
to light tile, the area is more spa-like and spacious—and a whole lot brighter!

The walls were painted a sea glass color to coordinate with the new light tiles and cabinetry. The enlarged shower now has two sides of glass for more space and light.

The small room for the toilet remained with an updated pocket door.

The lighting was updated with more recessed lighting to brighten the space. Accent lighting fixtures were added at the vanity areas on the mirrors while the crystal chandelier was the perfect accent over the soaking tub.

Attractive shutters (purchased from my New Holland showroom) complement the beautiful cabinetry and trim while affording the option of various amounts of natural light or privacy.



“Working with Anita Yoder on our kitchen and master bathroom remodel was an absolute pleasure. We have worked with her for over 20 years and she continues to provide excellent service. From the initial consultation to the final reveal, Anita demonstrated a clear understanding of our preferences and lifestyle, translating them into design concepts that truly transformed our spaces. Her creativity and attention to detail were evident in every aspect of the project.”





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Unlike the bath which was a complete makeover, the kitchen renovation was more of a facelift—maintaining the custom cherry cabinetry, which was still beautiful. On the replacement list was the granite countertops, backsplash tile and the floor tile.



New pendant lighting was added over the island along with a new chandelier over the table. In addition to new paint on the walls to freshen up the area, several functional updates were made such as a new stove exhaust fan and appliances.

Adding functionality to the new Kohler Stainless Steel sink are built in catches for easily inserted accessories such as cutting boards, racks, strainer, etc.

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“In addition to her design skills, Anita’s collaborative approach made the entire remodeling journey smooth and stress-free. She worked seamlessly with contractors and suppliers, stopping by frequently to address any of their questions. Her problem-solving skills and commitment to quality were evident in the final results, and we are now the proud owners of a kitchen and master bathroom that reflect our style and enhance our daily living experience. We wholeheartedly recommend Anita Yoder to anyone seeking a talented, professional, and personable interior designer for their home projects.

As seen in the *before* photo (right), the desk area of the kitchen was dated and no longer functional. This was reworked by moving the hutch unit to the center and adding two attractive cabinets for additional storage. The powder room had a mini facelift with a new color of wall paint. The pedestal sink was replaced. The beautiful gold mirror was reused.

Based on the homeowner’s kind comments, I think it’s safe to say that my work was appreciated. Should you find yourself in need of help in updating your home or simply updating your decor, my staff and I would be happy to assist.

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