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## LATTÉ DELIGHTS

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**HOMEOWNERS:** Andrew and Susan McMullan, River Forest  
**DESIGN:** Normandy Builders, Hinsdale  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Renovation

**WHAT THEY WANTED:** Though the McMullans' 1929 home had been updated in the 1950s, the master bath was left virtually untouched through the years. "It had a pretty cool Art Deco look, but was

in bad shape with cracked tile and leaky fixtures," recalls Susan, who says the couple wanted their new bath to incorporate modern amenities, yet retain a vintage flair that respected their home's roots.



**HOW THEY ACHIEVED IT:** After gutting the room and borrowing some additional square footage from an adjoining closet, they worked with designer Eileen Thurnauer at Normandy Builders to fit the elements they wanted — dual vanities, tub and separate shower — into the space.

"They wanted to maintain the style of their older home, but updated," notes Thurnauer. Toward that end, they selected Carrera marble vanity tops on metal legs rather than choosing pedestal sinks. Susan says that gives her more options — because there's an open area under the sinks, she can add storage later, if needed. The recessed medicine cabinets and a tall linen cabinet are sufficient for current storage needs.

The glass-enclosed shower features subway-tile walls, just like the wainscoting throughout the room. The marble mosaic on the floor is echoed in the shower as well. The new bathtub and wall-mounted spigot also contribute to the vintage vibe, as do the restrained, yet elegant, crystal light fixtures. Soft aquamarine walls pick up on a color in the room's art glass windows, which Susan had restored and repaired.

After six years of making do with the old bath, Susan says she really appreciates both the form and function of the remodel. "I have lived in a lot of old houses with baths that needed fixing up," she says. "Now I finally have a really great beautiful bath."