

## House Calls

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### Homeowner

Jenny Vanier-Walter

### Neighborhood

Herndon

### Problem

"Our master bath is a good-sized room," Vanier-Walter writes in an e-mail, but "we only use half of it. The tub takes up about half of the room, and we rarely use it." She wants to rearrange the 8½-by-12¼-foot space to include a bigger shower,

his-and-her sinks and more storage space.

### Designer

Sherry Ways and Susan Schemm of Design Scheme Interiors in Washington, 202-582-5555 and [www.designschemeinteriors.com](http://www.designschemeinteriors.com).

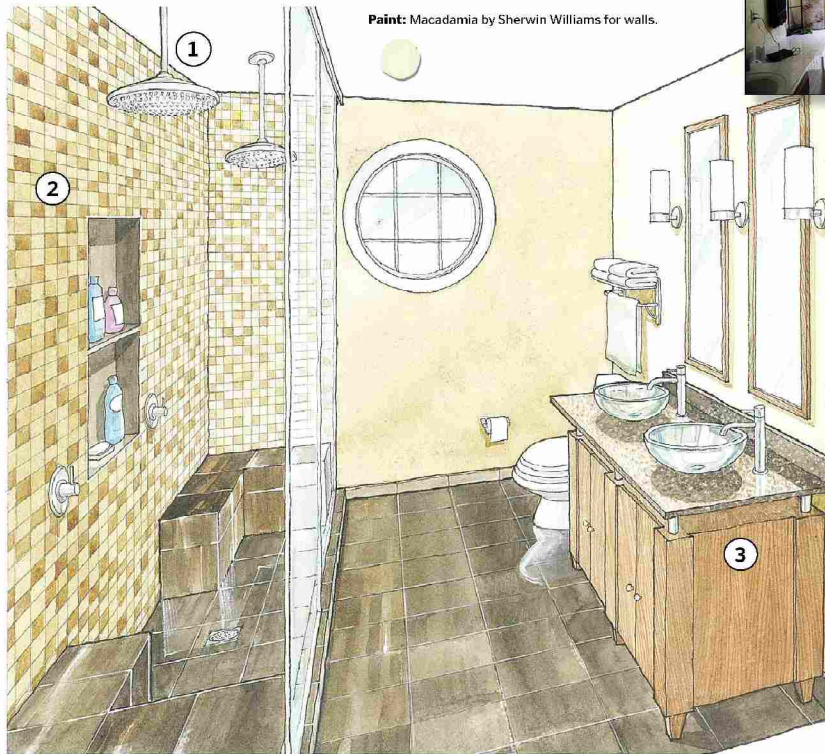
### Suggestions

Remove the bathtub and create a custom shower that spans the length of one wall. This shower stall is built for two, with two shower heads and built-in benches. Liven up a

practical bathroom with tiles. Metallic elements are embedded in the floor tiles, and the mosaic wall tiles include glass and slate. The tiles are in keeping with the room's palette of earth tones.

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Paint: Macadamia by Sherwin Williams for walls.



Cabinets underneath a double vanity help keep the room clutter-free. Contemporary double bathroom vanity (\$1,999, [www.premiervanities.com](http://www.premiervanities.com)). Hang two large mirrors framed in birch above the vanity, and flank each mirror with Albion single sconces in polished chrome (\$119 each, [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com)).



**1** Expand the existing shower. Centurion showerheads with arm, ceiling mounted in chrome by Strom Plumbing (\$194 each, [www.vintagetub.com](http://www.vintagetub.com)). Albion balance-pressure shower valve and trim set in polished chrome (\$499 each, [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com)).



**2** For shower walls, Sahara from Geologie's Mosaic Field collection by Oceanside Glasstile (\$38 per square, [www.architecturalceramics.net](http://www.architecturalceramics.net)). For floors, Corten A by TAU Ceramica (\$10 per square foot for 12-by-12 tiles, Frederick Tile, 301-662-4944).

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