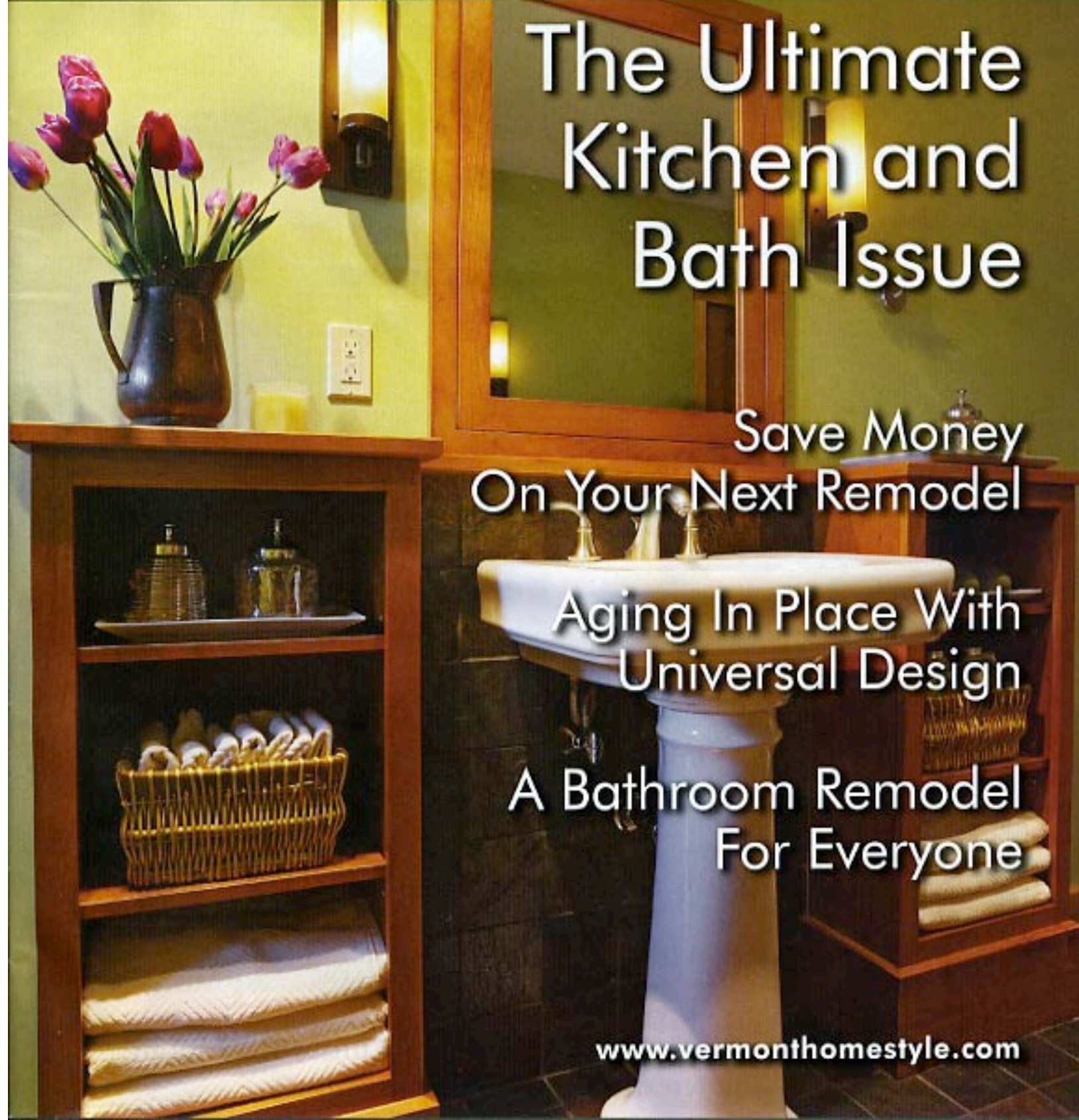


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How Could They All Fit?

A Bathroom Renovation For Everyone

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Picture a morning when three children – two of them teenagers – are trying to get ready for school in one small bathroom; it is enough to make you shudder. The original

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bathroom in this remodel was about five feet wide by five feet deep. Crowded into this tiny outdated space was a small pedestal sink, a regular sized tub/shower with sliding glass doors, and a toilet. Everyone in this family was using this tiny dated bathroom: parents, children, friends, visiting family, plus, of course, the family's two Saint Bernard dogs. It was clearly time for a change.

When the owners met with Peregrine Design/Build, they were looking for help with their bathroom dilemma. In order to rework the space to meet this family's needs, the design team looked at the bathroom and directly behind it, where a large, poorly designed, walk-in closet was located. This room was intended to be used as a small homework area and as a closet, but in reality, only a few pants and shirts inhabited the underutilized shelving. The closet also had a window on the west wall with wonderful light and views.

The design team was able to incorporate and use the space from both of these rooms to create a larger and brighter bathroom design that the family loved. Because the team demolished the wall separating the existing bathroom and the walk-in closet in order to create a larger space for the new bathroom, they then wanted to compensate for the loss of closet space. Building two smaller closets into the bedroom, incorporating recessed shelving and plenty of efficient storage space, accomplished this.

Now the bathroom is seven feet wide by fifteen and half feet deep. To prevent the space from looking long and narrow, the tiled shower sits against the west wall; the shower's tiered wall provides plenty of privacy and allows natural light from the new larger window to fill the entire

bathroom.

Located on either side of the bathroom are two identical pedestal sinks enclosed by a pair of beautiful custom-made cherry built-in shelving units. Two wall scones flank the matching cherry trimmed medicine cabinets and the addition of recessed ceiling cans allow for plenty of direct light.

The texture and color of the slate and the warm tones of the cherry wood cabinets enhance the natural look. The paint color, an earth tone, also gives the room a warm, rich feeling.

The owners love it; friends *and* family can fit. But perhaps most importantly, the children can now get ready for school at the same time, without squabbling and jockeying for space. And when necessary, there is even enough room in the shower to work up lather for two (big) dirty dogs!