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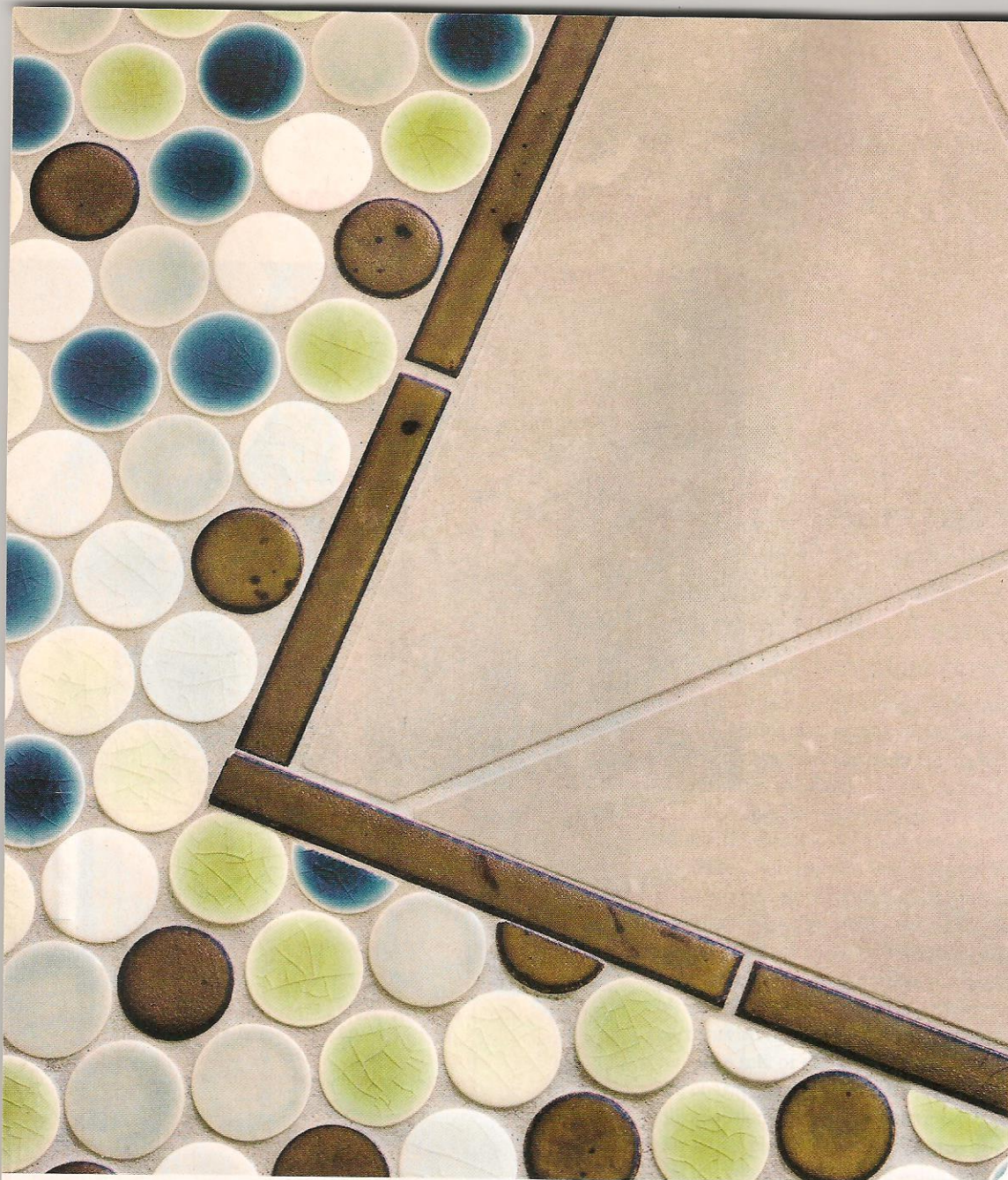
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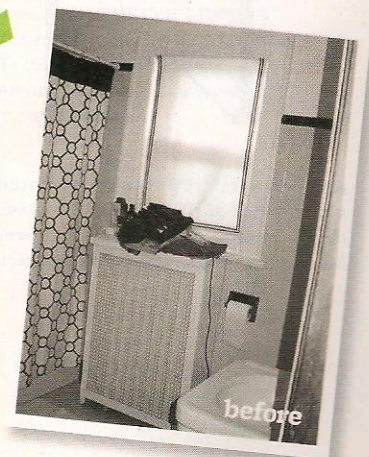


OPPOSITE: A sliding glass door is a practical yet pretty solution to controlling shower spray from the combination tub and shower in this compact bath. **LEFT:** Small round tiles, repeating the circular motif used elsewhere in the bath, form a colorful border around larger tiles in the center of the room. The same mosaic tiles are used in the shower.

round about

A better floor plan and well-chosen details bring storage and good looks to a small bath shared by brothers.

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style and function.

This 48-square-

foot bathroom lacked both. Homeowners Ann Treimer and James Sterling had a far different vision for their sons' bathroom in their Oak Park, Illinois, home.

The room, measuring about 6×8 feet, has two doors on one wall. The pedestal sink nearly blocked access through one of them. Plus, the radiator under the window was an instant tip-off that this bath was not up-to-date.

Designer Pamela Polvere knows that in a high-traffic yet small bath like this, a good floor plan is essential. She needed to gain space yet not move most of the plumbing to save money.

Polvere removed the radiator, replacing it with an in-floor, radiant heating system. The toilet stayed where it was, but she turned it 90 degrees, allowing her to relocate the sink beneath the window—which isn't ideal but was the best spot available. A dramatic round mirror suspended from the ceiling hangs in front of the top portion of the window. (A slender shade has since been installed at the top of the window for privacy.)

The round mirror sets the theme for the bath. Playful circles reappear in floor tiles, a band of decorative tile on the shower walls, and the sliding shower-door track system. Pendant lights and even the sink faucet echo the round form.

Without adding a single square foot, Polvere increased the room's storage and perceived space. By selecting a wall-hung vanity, she maintained visual floor space while adding storage for towels and essentials. The wide window ledge houses everyday items. A tall cabinet above the toilet holds toiletries while its mirrored surface reflects the room to maximize its size.

The combination of more perceived space, sleek new surfaces, and repetitive shapes brought this bath to life—as the attractive, functional room the homeowners always wanted.

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about this makeover

budget

Cabinetry

Medicine cabinet	545
Vanity	1,850

Plumbing

Faucets	700
Shower doors	4,450
Sink/countertop	790
Toilet	650
Tub	2,190

Surfaces

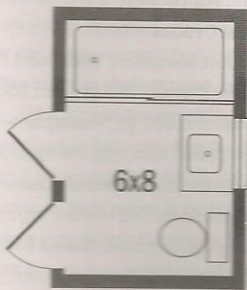
Heated floor system	435
Paint	150
Tile (flooring and walls)	7,870
Windowsill	80

Miscellaneous

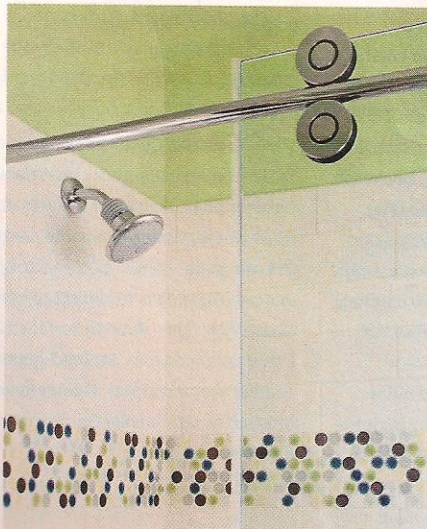
Light fixtures	680
Mirror	385
Shower corner baskets	350
Towel bars, hooks	155

Total **\$21,280**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



Removing the radiator, placing the vanity beneath the window, and turning the toilet to the side created more usable floor space. The tub's location was not changed.



OPPOSITE: Mounting the vanity beneath the window contributed to a more sensible floor plan. Cylindrical pendants and a round mirror hang from the ceiling. **ABOVE:** A tall cabinet above the toilet provides storage. When closed, the mirrored cabinet reflects the room, making it feel larger. **LEFT:** The designer came up with a clever pair of frameless glass door panels.