

Elegant 06 Corner Unit Bathrooms

by Bob Shamo

This young couple lived downtown on North Michigan Avenue until recently. Needing more space, and wanting to own their own home, they found their way to Park Tower and last year moved into this mid-level 06 tier unit. These handsome bathrooms are the first rooms to be remodeled. Design was by the owner, and a contractor who lives here in the building did the construction and installation.



Vanities in both baths are glossy white and fitted with speckled quartz counters. Atop the vanities are three mirrors, the center ones opening to reveal medicine cabinets. And, very cool, the makeup mirror in the master bath lights up as the user approaches it.

Under-cab lighting is installed on the vanity bottoms, illuminating floors and contours at night. Cannister ceiling lights, towel bars and shower fittings in the master bath are metallic gold, and in the guest bath shiny chrome.

In the guest bath, sliding shower doors sit atop a new square-cut, deep acrylic tub. The shower wall is made of rectangular tiles patterned so as to

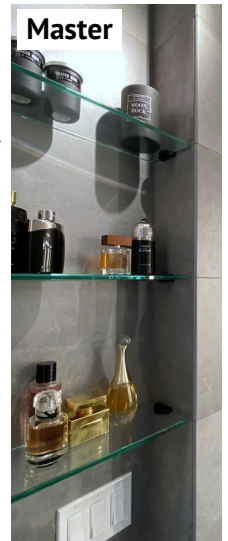


Porcelain tiles are used to great effect in both baths. Charcoal color in one, a lighter and variegated gray in the other, they clad both the walls and the floors, making for a sleek and seamless appearance. **

In the master bath, a walk-in shower with glass doors replaces the tub. The shower wall is made of small black hexagonal tiles and features a full-length recessed, illuminated shelf.



suggest a shower spray. In both baths, the tub-shower wall is completed with a narrow column of glass shelves attractively mounted floor-to-ceiling.



In both bathrooms, the louvered vents (pictured below) to exhaust stale air are repositioned to be over locations where they will do the most good!



Those vents, further upgraded with small exhaust fans, are mounted flat on the underside of shallow soffits that lead back to their original locations and connect with the building's exhaust ductwork. The system is more efficient now and the soffits add interest to out-of-the-way spaces.

As our visit ended, I noticed how the rectangular hallway closet has been repurposed. A Bosch washer and dryer now sit on one side in that space, and next to them (not pictured) a linen closet fronted by a handsome dark veneer door. Simple but elegant.



Great job! I'm sure the entire unit will soon reflect the same careful design, selection of materials and workmanship. TUT

** Best to order extra tiles for unexpected behind-the-wall plumbing repairs.

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