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*Aloha Hawaii Home & Garden Network,*

*The holiday season is about to get into full gear here in the Islands and that means the most popular room in the house will become even more popular: the kitchen. The delectable aromas wafting from the kitchen are usually at its most tantalizing not just once over the next several months, but three times for many homes. Probably one of the reasons why weight gain happens most frequently over the next three months.*

*To celebrate the occasion, Hawaii Home & Garden Network is holding its first contest: a gift card giveaway. Two, \$50, Zippy's, gift cards. I'm sure they'll come in handy as gifts or to use on your own. The answer to the contest question can be found in both the blog and the accompanying video in this issue's featured kitchen remodel by Homeowners Design Center.*

*For all the rooms in a home, a kitchen remodel can become the most expensive, especially if you like bling, and who doesn't like bling in a kitchen, especially if you can afford it? Bathroom remodels can get expensive as well, but fortunately, "nice and updated" on a budget works perfectly fine for this room. This issue features two projects that fit this description. The folks at INSOLID helped a Mililani couple update their 20+ year-old bathroom without using demolition, saving them a lot of money. While Hawaii Kitchen & Bath helped an older couple get ready for their retirement years by giving their old bathroom a serious makeover.*

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*And now more about the gift card contest. These are the contest rules:*

- By entering your name and email address to enter the gift card giveaway, you are signing up for an email subscription to our web-based magazine, "Hawaii Home & Garden".*
- You must enter your first and last name, email address, the correct answer to the contest question AND "Like" our FaceBook page to be eligible to win. The answer to the question can be found in both the blog and accompanying video about the kitchen remodel featured in this issue.*
- Please enter your main email address as the winner will be notified through it on Nov. 30, 2015. The entry cutoff deadline is Nov. 20, 2015. The answer to the contest question will be posted on the magazine page of our site on Nov. 23, 2015.*
- The contest is for Hawaii residents only because the winners must provide a valid Hawaii state address, as the gift cards will be sent by certified mail to the addresses provided by the winners.*
- All personal information will be kept confidential and held in strictest confidence and will not be given to third parties for any reason.*
- HHGN clients, their employees and those working with HHGN are ineligible to enter.*
- Only one entry per person allowed. Multiple entries will result in disqualification.*

*The contest question:*

*Who is the first person to realize the significance of the new kitchen island?*

*[Link to the featured kitchen remodel blog.](#)*

*[Link to the contest entry from.](#)*

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*Good luck! Try your best at resisting the temptations of the kitchen more than usual. We know it can be tough this time of year. And we all want to wish you and your families a safe and wonderful holiday season!*

*Mahalo,*

*Rick Presser*

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“Before” photo of kitchen

# KITCHEN REMODEL CHANNELS ITS PAST INTO THE PRESENT

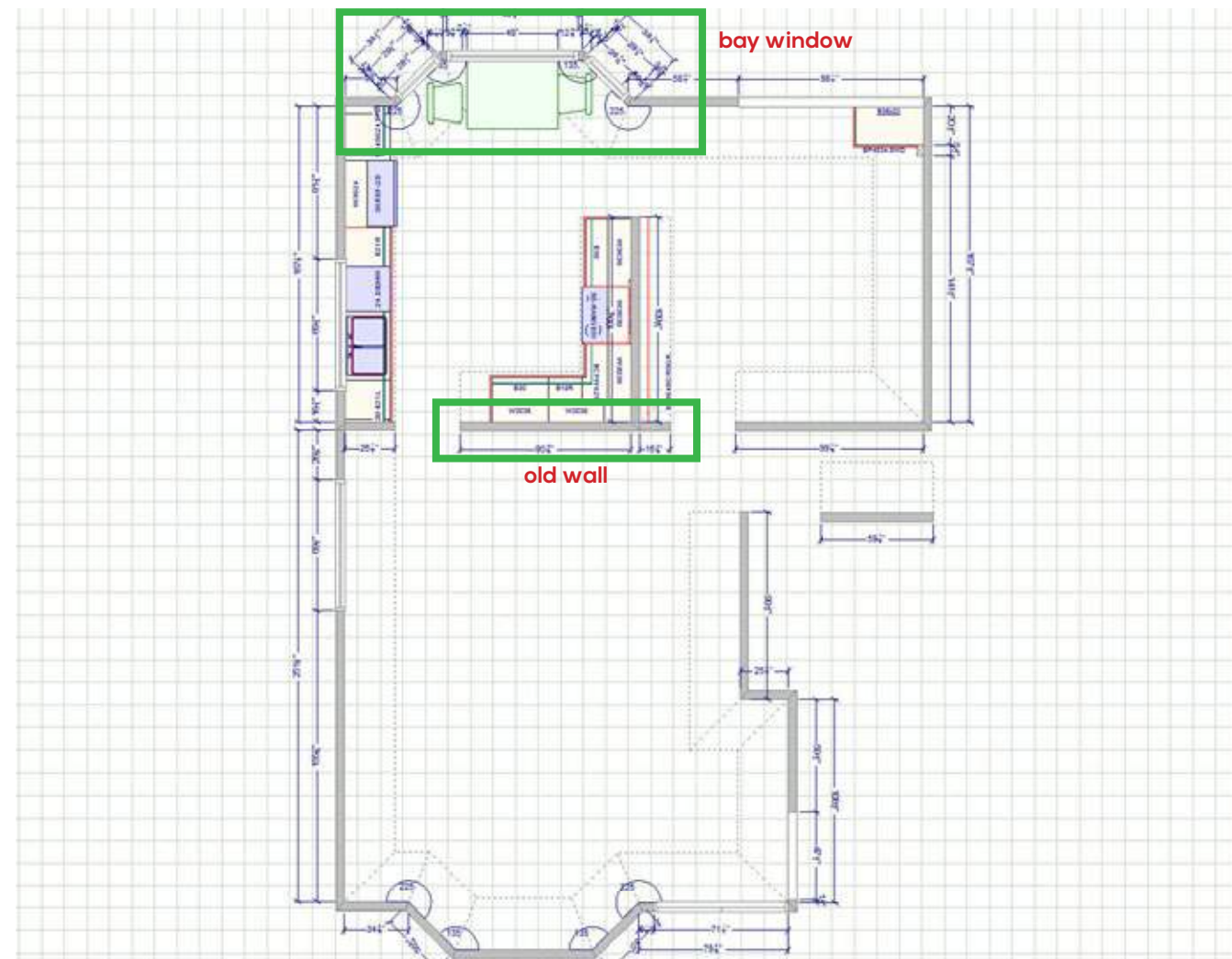
*Featuring Homeowners Design Center*

*Written by Andy Beth Miller*

*Photographs by Ryan Siphers*

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The road to one Oahu family’s dream kitchen remodel all started with a simple phone call to home remodeling professional Randall Omoto at locally owned Homeowners Design Center.



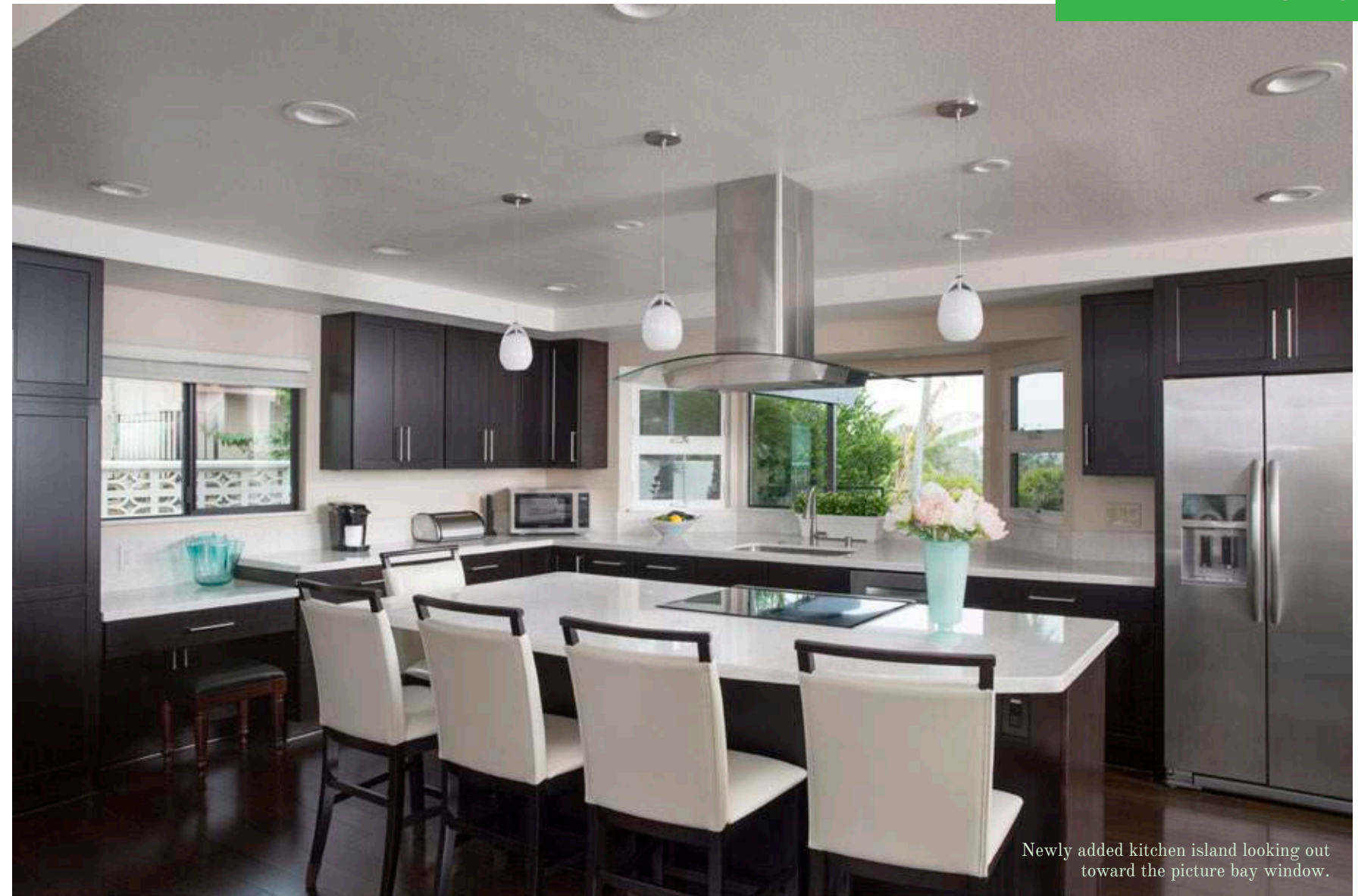


Drawing of seating area by the picture bay window before the remodel.

"They [the Crowell family] asked me to come to the house and take a look," recalls Omoto, who shares that the original kitchen was a fairly large area with an "L-shape" to it, including a dining area in which the sitting space abutted a beautiful, large bay window.



Homeowners Design Center's 3D rendering of an alternative design to the homeowners' original J-shaped design.



Newly added kitchen island looking out toward the picture bay window.

*"The first things I asked them about (the remodel) were, what they liked about the kitchen, and what they did not."*

**RANDALL OMOTO**  
KITCHEN DESIGNER,  
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Mr. Crowell immediately responded with his desire to totally remove an entire wall, which he felt blocked the flow of the kitchen from the living room. After Omoto put together a mock rendering of Mr. Crowell's vision of a "J-shaped" remodeled space—using Homeowners Design Center's 3D remodeling software—the family wasn't sure that a J-shaped kitchen was indeed what they wanted after all. Omoto instead offered an alternative solution, which the Crowells loved.



**BLOG**

[Kitchen Remodel Channels Its Past Into the Present](#)

The answer to the contest question can be found in this feature story and in the video found in the above blog link.



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Cherry wood cabinets from Diamond and quartz countertops from Viatera.

Omoto admits that it can be a challenge to take a space a homeowner is used to and try to create a new one that they would be pleased with. Happily, it was the Crowells' son who described the great success of this kitchen remodel best, with his statement to his mother, "It's unbelievable,

you got all of the things you wanted!", which they did, adding that the new kitchen island now serves the same purpose the old seating area used to do. Allowing the Crowells to look out the bay window every morning during breakfast like they always did.

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## A \$12,000 BATHROOM REMODEL TO AGE GRACEFULLY IN

Featuring Hawaii Kitchen & Bath  
Written by Andy Beth Miller  
Photographs by Cris Johnson

*Before*



*After*

When faced with two outdated bathrooms and a modest budget, one retired Kaneohe couple reached out to Hawaii Kitchen & Bath, a Kailua-based remodeling company that specializes in just this sort of conundrum.

The owners had been planning to remodel their bathrooms for several years, yet just hadn't found the right company to bring their bathrooms back from the dark ages. They also were becoming increasingly aware of their need for a home that would be practical and accommodating for their changing needs as they grew older.



*Before*

“ *The owners had a set budget and were looking for a minor remodel to give their existing two bathrooms a ‘facelift’ that they could enjoy (and age gracefully and safely within) for years to come.* ”

**CRIS JOHNSON**  
CO-OWNER AND LEED GREEN  
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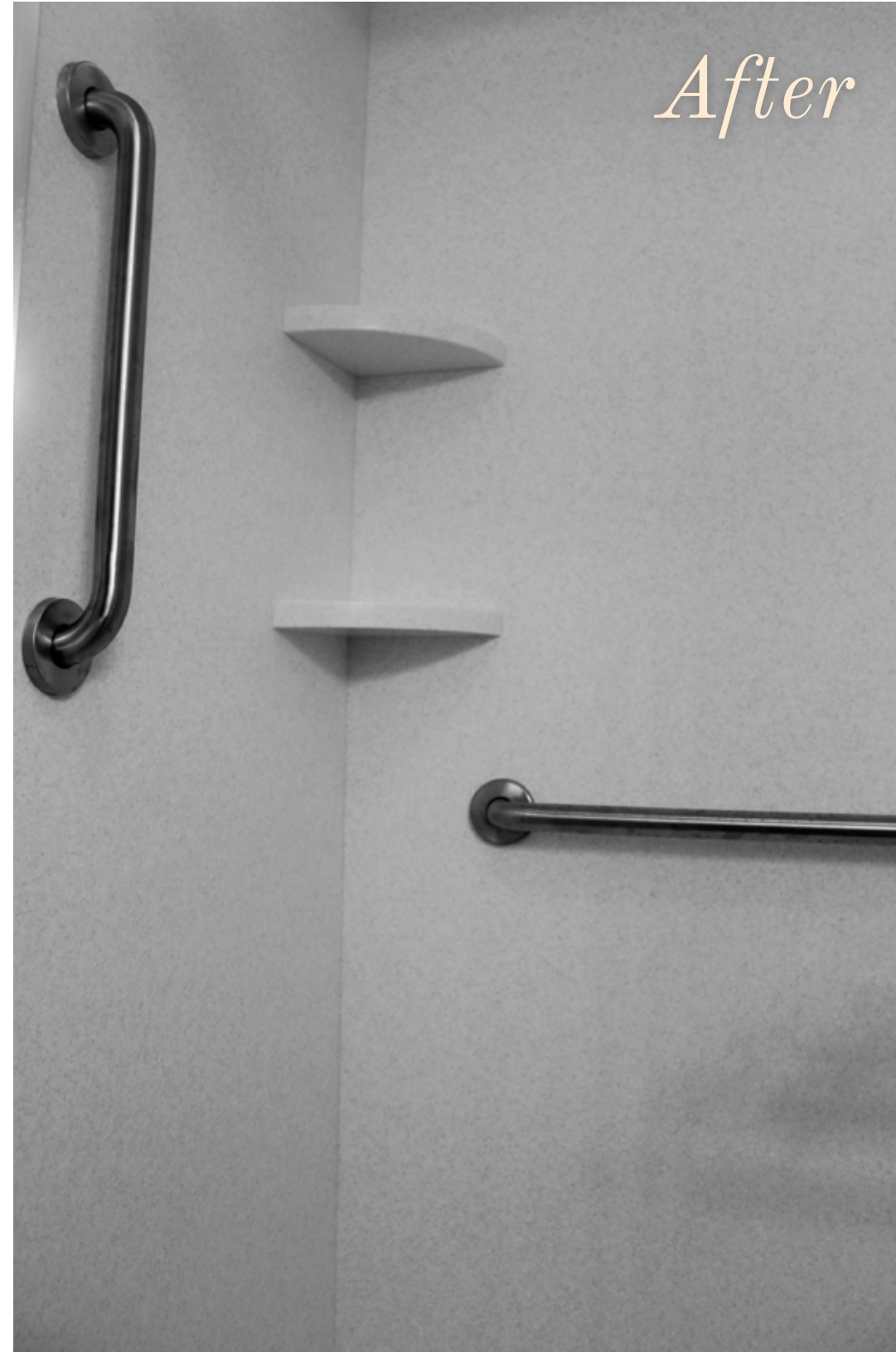


*After*

The main focus of the remodel was to brighten up the space while keeping both bathrooms neutral enough to not be locked into a specific trend. The tubs were replaced with low-curb shower pans, and existing tile shower walls were swapped with easy to clean, non-porous, solid surface shower walls with safety grab bars and a new glass shower door enclosure – making the shower virtually maintenance-

free with no tile grout to clean. The dark cabinets and countertops were replaced with classic custom white cabinets with adjustable height shelves and easy to grasp cabinet hardware, and the existing flooring was replaced with 16x16 porcelain tile. The cabinets, shower walls and countertops were all custom fabricated locally at the company's Kailua shop.





Hawaii Kitchen & Bath was thankfully able to keep this renovation within budget for their very satisfied clients. For those considering a similar remodel or medically necessary home modifications, financial assistance in the form of low-interest and guaranteed loans are available in many cases for modifications such as installing ramps, modifying bathrooms,

lowering cabinets, widening doors and hallways or adding handrails, among others. Many of these medically necessary home modifications also qualify as tax deductions.

Click on the audio button to hear more!



**BLOG**

A \$12,000 bathroom remodel to age gracefully in #2



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To learn more about Hawaii Kitchen & Bath



## BATHROOM REMODEL WRAPS SOLID SURFACE AROUND JACUZZI & TILE

*Featuring* INSOLID

*Written by* Jenee Dana

*Photographs by* INSOLID

An Oahu resident was so pleased with INSOLID's solid surface remodel of his downtown apartment, he recommended their work to friends. Scott Allen, owner of INSOLID, shared how the client "became a good business advocate for spreading the word about our product." He was so happy with their work, he commissioned them to modernize his parents' 20-plus year-old dated bathroom in Miliani.

the bathtub," Allen recalls. They focused on a creative and smart design in order to stretch their dollars further without sacrificing quality or looks. The new design involved using seamless solid surface material on the bathtub deck, the bottom of the bathtub, the extended countertop, the mirror frame, and wrapping it around the existing tile to keep it intact. Reducing any amount of demolition on a bathroom remodel will help lower the cost.

Like most people, the homeowners were on a tight budget "so they couldn't do a total gutting of the tile walls and

INSOLID helped homeowners save on this bathroom remodel for \$8,000.

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Another way the couple was able to save money was by keeping their cast iron Jacuzzi bathtub that was still in really good condition. A traditional Jacuzzi deck mount, where the bathtub flange sits on top of the tile, can cause splashed water to get trapped. INSOLID built up the bathtub deck and placed the seamless solid surface on top of the bathtub. This one feature provides a richer feel and look than most deck mounts, making cleaning and maintenance a breeze.

neighbors a bathtub show. They wanted to keep the glass block but cover the dated tile. After changing the bathtub deck, the size of the wall would change. In order to save time, INSOLID built an oversized solid surface panel ahead of time and trimmed it the day the deck was installed. They added a flange on the panel so it would return to the glass block and look like a part of the "original plan, not a correction or a mistake. That would definitely be below our standard," Allen explained.

A glass block was a major part of the wall of the house that allowed light to come into the bathroom without giving the



The unique bathtub deck mount helps with easy maintenance and cleaning.



Return flanges makes the solid surface panel look like part of the original building plans.



The greyish, seamless, solid surface countertops, bathtub deck, and mirror frame provide a sophisticated contrast against the cherry cabinets. The extended solid surface countertop provided extra shelf space above the Jacuzzi that can be accessorized with candles in order to provide a serene "me time" space.

Total cost of the bathroom remodel was approximately \$8,000, including the bathtub deck with under mounting and surrounding solid surface walls and panels. It also included a removeable lower panel for Jacuzzi hardware access, vanity countertops with integral sinks/backsplash and the extended countertop end.

**VIDEOS**  
 Bathroom remodel wraps solid surface around Jacuzzi & tile

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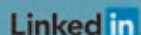
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