

Celebrating Ingenuity

Kitchen and bath design is an ongoing process of problem and solution. As our lifestyles evolve, the problems become more complex, and designers must adapt. And adapt they do. Year after year, the submissions for this issue prove that our readers are a clever and creative lot. Here is a collection of some of the surprising and delightful solutions they shared with us this year.

Powder Room Plus

The challenge was complex: Design a sunlit, wheelchair-accessible full bath, without an exterior wall for a window. Make it feel like a powder room, and therefore fit everything into a small footprint. The solution was simple: Make the whole room a shower. Taking a European “wet-room” approach to this project allowed the architect to break free of the clearances needed for a separate shower stall. The entire bathroom is waterproof, tiled, and sloped to a floor drain. Transom windows above the vanity borrow light from a sunlit stairwell. And a wall-mounted toilet and cantilevered vanity keep the floor clear for easy cleaning and visually enlarge the space.

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