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10 BOXY BATH TO UPDATED RETREAT

Almost all the potential buyers who viewed this gracious 1950s-era home in central Santa Fe couldn't see past its seriously dated bathrooms and kitchen; however, a couple ready for a challenge eventually bought the home. They loved its spaciousness and the family-friendly layout and quickly set about bringing it into the 21st century without losing any of the home's timeless qualities.

The homeowners assembled a team to reimagine the residence: Studio Beili for design, Violante & Rochford for interiors, and Tierra Concepts as the builder. Although the team remodeled the entire home, the primary bath was a focal point of the transformation.

This bath, which adjoins the primary bedroom, was small and cramped, with a confused floor plan and only one small window. The homeowners wanted it to match the newly created serenity of the rest of the home. After careful deliberation, the homeowners and Stephen Beili created a large, open, light-filled bath retreat without adding any additional square footage to the home.

Tierra Concepts accomplished this remodel by first removing the closet on the south side of the bathroom. Next they broke through a concrete exterior wall to install a large corner window above a new tub, for views and better enjoyment of an existing private garden. The new tub replaced the original (pink!) one, which had been crammed into an alcove across from the vanity. The team also replaced the tiny, dark shower stall with a spacious shower with clear glass on two sides and with frosted glass dividing it from the previously dismal toilet area. A new sculptural black vanity took over the west wall and continued under the windows to surround the tub.

Many potential buyers passed on this gem of a home because they literally couldn't "think outside the box." Once the small, boxy main bath was opened to sunlight and space, it became a spa-like retreat that befits this home with a new lease on life.



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