



Drab to Dream Bathroom Renovation Guide





A MESSAGE FROM BRANDY

Bathrooms. Luxury or basic, they play a part in our lives and are a required element in them.

It's one of the best areas to see any improvements made to impact daily life in a meaningful way but also to see a potential increase in resale value. As any realtor would agree, bathrooms (and kitchens) still help sell a house. See our Kitchen Dream guide if you are considering renovating yours.



For such a small space, in comparison to the average house's square footage, there sure is a lot involved in renovating them....and unfortunately there is no economy of scale.

Most of the same trades that we would need to renovate a kitchen, or a whole house for that matter, are needed for a single bathroom too.

Demolition, carpentry, plumbing, electricity, drywalling, cabinetry, countertops, tiling and your design+build team will spend a similar amount of time to design and manage the project.

Each of the above trades have minimum costs and mobilization fees so there isn't much in the way of savings for a smaller footprint, and with bathrooms being small spaces, we're also limited to the number of people who can work in the space at one time.

This guide will give you a ballpark idea of what your renovation might cost depending on what tier of work that you require, as well as a few things to consider when planning. It is by no means meant to replace the design and quoting process for your unique vision and preferences.

Collaborating with us starts with a conversation which leads to a design+build plan customized to you and your space, with a fixed cost contract as the foundation of our work together. During the active stage of your project we are very hands-on and provide loads of communication through our project management software system. This keeps your project organized, on time and on budget.

I'm happy to chat about your renovation dreams, answer any questions you may have and offer assistance if I can. Just reach out to me to set up a meeting and see if we'd be a match for your needs.



ARE YOU READY TO RENOVATE YOUR BATHROOM?

You're only as good as your last job.

So many people have heard of or lived through a renovation horror story due to their contractors. Things like not showing up when promised, abandoning their project for weeks at a time, poor workmanship, leaving damage and debris at the conclusion of the job, poor communication, and quoting low to get the job only to then add on huge amounts of extra costs at the end of the job to make up the difference.

Wood Be Art has been built on providing top level craftsmanship and creative problem solving, backed by integrity and communication. We're passionate about what we do and we invest our time, energy and love into every project that we take on.

Our goal is to create a renovation experience that you will love!

Please contact us today to find out more about our approach.

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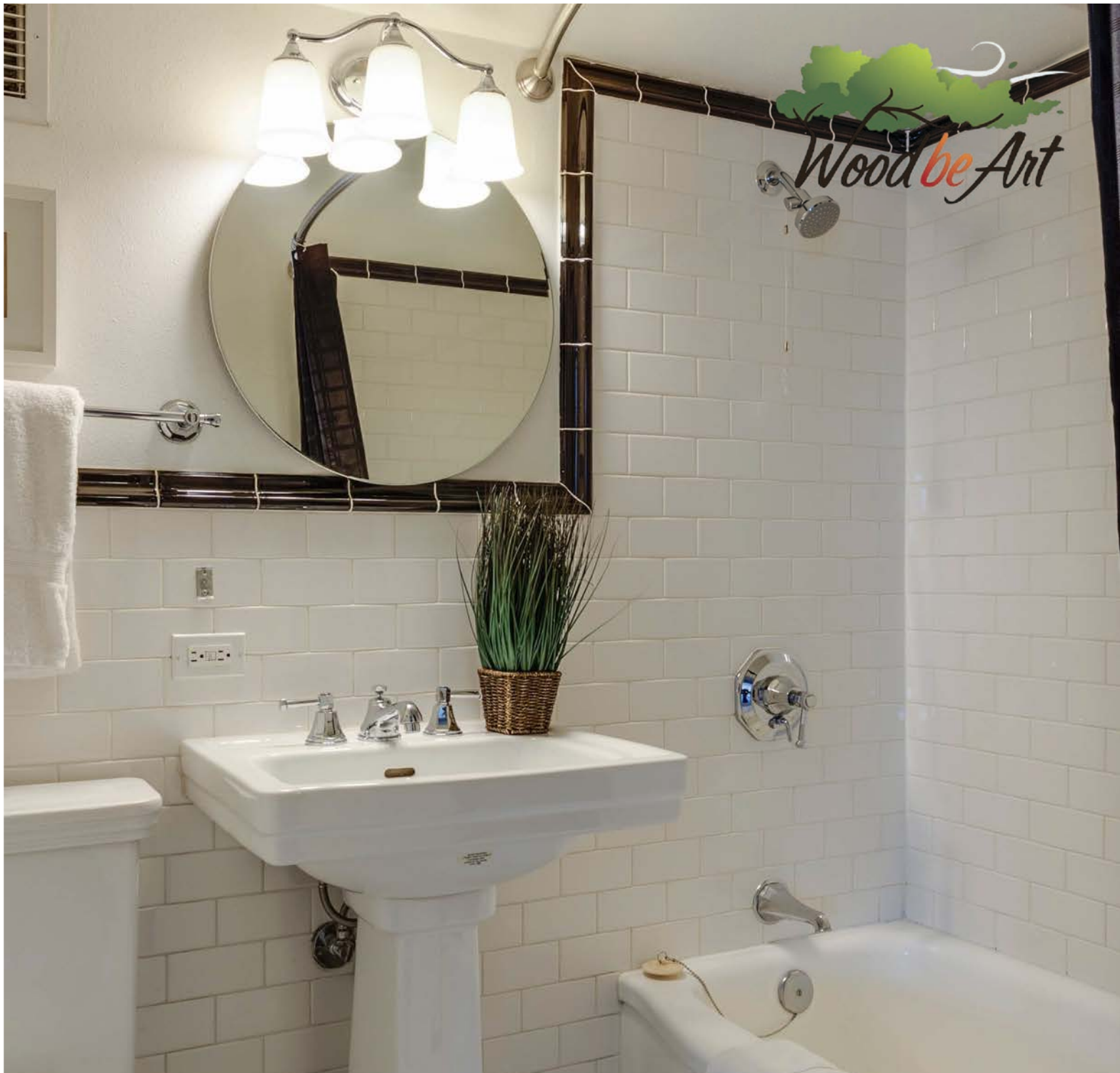


LEVEL 1 | POWDER ROOM | \$15,000 +

Just the basics. A place to wash up and a place to send guests when entertaining when they need to freshen up.

A powder room can allow you to take chances with the design as the space is small, be it with colour or materials. And it's a great space to showcase some art too.





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LEVEL 2 | FAMILY BATHROOM | \$25,000 +

Family bathrooms work hard and the kids play in them hard too (cue the rubber ducky), but it can still be a stylish space.

We usually direct people to choose good quality, basic fixtures and tiles, along with incorporating good storage for all those toothbrushes, towels, and miscellaneous toiletries.



LEVEL 3 | MASTER BATHROOM | \$35,000 +

In modern houses, these are usually larger than the dingy afterthoughts that they once were.

Often the shower and tub are separated and a double vanity keeps things well organized and everyone in their lane.



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LEVEL 4 | LUXURY BATHROOM | \$50,000 +

Who wouldn't love a luxury bathroom?

High-end fixtures and materials in a highly designed space allows for the Zen feel that one might find in a spa or a luxury hotel.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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We had a great experience with Wood Be Art! Brandy and Paul were extremely responsive to my query and got our job done very quickly and exactly what we were looking for.

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Additional elements you may want to consider in your bathroom renovation:

- In-floor heating
- Heated towel bars
- Steam showers
- Custom storage solutions
- Free-standing bathtubs
- Rain shower head
- Body jets
- Smart technology

*Note that renovating multiple bathrooms brings the per-bathroom cost down.



SOME DOs & DON'Ts

DO hire a designer

They will start your project with a solid plan and a realistic budget, and help you make all the decisions. Mistakes can be quite costly to fix later.

DO choose good quality plumbing fixtures

Choose the highest quality fixtures that your budget allows. You want them to last, especially if they are behind your walls.

DO consider your tile options

Designer tiles can make your bathroom look one-of-a-kind but lower priced tiles, creative patterns, and interesting grout colours can produce the pop you want for a lower price. Consider reducing the square footage of your tile installations - they don't need to go all the way up to the ceiling. For walls away from the shower or bathtub, consider other materials.

DO choose cool light fixtures

With little effort, you can find fixtures that will make a statement for under \$200. For general lighting, well-placed LED pot lights can really brighten up your bathroom.

DON'T move the plumbing

You will save money by leaving toilets and bathtubs where they are. Even if you don't move fixtures, you will have plenty of opportunity to choose new ones and make other updates to make your bathroom just right for you.

DON'T skimp on storage space

Bathrooms need to be functional spaces, and ample storage for all your stuff is a must. To save money on cabinetry, consider lower-cost open shelving options.

DON'T forget about paint

Paint is a low-cost upgrade that can add lots of personality to your bathroom. An accent wall or even a contrasting ceiling colour can change the look of your space. Here's a tip: Keep your tile color neutral so you can update your paint color whenever you like. (It's way cheaper than re-tiling!)

DON'T spend a fortune on your sink

Unlike kitchen sinks that really take a beating, bathroom sinks see relatively light duty. Skip the name brands and search online for a basic ceramic under-mount model. Nobody will know the difference, and you can put the savings into more decorative elements.



FUTURE PROOFING YOUR BATHROOM

More people are planning to “Age in Place” and we can prepare your bathroom during this renovation to make those changes easier and less expensive in the future.

Some changes that you can make include:

1. **Blocking** - extra wood in the walls to support grab bars by the toilet, shower and bathtub
2. **Curbless Showers** - makes it accessible and looks amazing!
3. **Wide Doors** - 36" wide instead of 32" will allow for wheelchair access
4. **Remove the shower door** (small shower stalls only) to allow for easier accessibility for those on crutches or in a wheelchair
5. **Lever-style handles** - easier to grasp for those with limited dexterity
6. **Slip-resistant tile** - has a coefficient of friction (COF) >60 which is safer
7. **Shower bench** - necessary for those with limited mobility. Fold-up seats are also available to keep them out of the way





ABOUT WOOD BE ART

Unlock your home's potential.

Wood Be Art will make your house feel like home. As a female-led high-end renovation company, we can offer you a different experience from other companies.

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If you're ready to take the next steps then we are happy to meet with you. Please contact us to arrange a complementary consultation.

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