How Much Does a Bathroom Remodel Cost?

We get asked this question quite often. It's a good question because bathroom remodeling is something most people don’t do very often so they don’t know what the average bathroom remodel costs. The problem with answering the question is that every bathroom is a different age and size and each customer has different wants and needs.

Every year, Remodeling Magazine publishes a Cost vs. Value Report that shows the average price of different home improvement projects in different areas of the country. The project prices they calculated could serve as a baseline but does not cover all remodeling circumstances. Remodeling Magazine does not provide information about the quality of the products that were used or the condition of the bathroom before it was remodeled.

What is the average cost of a bathroom remodel?

In 2012, Remodeling Magazine estimated that the average
cost of a bathroom remodel in the Southeast was a little over $16,000, which included labor and materials.

Their job description for updating a 5-by-7 foot bathroom included the following:

- 30-by-60-inch porcelain-on-steel tub with 4-by-4-inch ceramic tile surround,
- Single-lever temperature and pressure-balanced shower control.
- Standard white toilet, solid-surface vanity counter with integral sink
- Recessed medicine cabinet with light.
- Ceramic tile floor.
- Vinyl wallpaper.

Re-Bath can do this same remodel for considerably less money.

What determines the cost of a bathroom remodel?
Three things determine the cost of a bathroom remodel: design, installation, and products. Each component has variables that range from low to high. Here's a look at each component along with the factors that would affect bathroom remodel costs.

**Design**

Is the design simple or complicated? Does the design require moving walls, plumbing, and wiring or will everything be replaced in the same spot? Will the bathroom be expanded? Does the design require high-end products?

**Installation**

How accessible is the bathroom? Is it on a second floor or in a high-rise condo? Are there a lot of steps up to the house? A bathroom that is hard to access requires more time to haul trash out and bring materials in, which adds to the costs. Are the plumbing and the electrical systems old and
outdated? Most municipalities require contractors to bring outdated mechanical systems up to the current code.

Installation costs can almost double for a more difficult installation. For example, tile laid on the diagonal takes more time than laying tile in a straight line.

Allowances should be made for hidden or unknown structural problems such as water damage or insect infestation. Sometimes mechanical systems must be rerouted in order to install new products.

Products

Less expensive products are easier to install while expensive products may be more challenging to install and require more technical knowledge. For example, a walk-in shower designed with body sprays will require the expertise of a plumber familiar with body spray systems and their installation.
Towel warmers, low voltage lighting, whirlpool systems, heat lamps, and heated tile floors will most likely require new electrical circuits that must be installed from the electrical panel. Fishing wires through walls, floors, and attics is time consuming. If your electrical panel is full, a panel upgrade will be required and possibly new wiring from the street.

Sometimes a complete bathroom remodel is not necessary. Many people remodel the tub or shower area only and leave the rest of the bathroom as it is. It's not uncommon to remodel the bathroom in stages if the budget does not allow for a complete remodel.

**The easy way to find out how much a bathroom remodel costs.**

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