

DiGiacomo Homes Honored with 2013 COTY Award for Master Suite Remodel

DiGiacomo Homes was honored in November with the 2013 *Contractor of the Year (COTY)* award for "Best Interior Under \$150K" for a [master suite remodel](#). COTY awards are issues annually from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. Judging is conducted by an impartial panel of industry experts - including architects, interior designers and remodelers - and is based on contractor design, craftsmanship, and innovation.

BATH TRENDS: MASTER SUITE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HOUZZ Bath Survey: Homeowners Focus on Master Suite



Thinking about remodeling your bath? Wondering about the latest trends and perhaps, how best to invest for resale purposes? Then read, on! HOUZZ, the on-line home idea exchange, just released its "2014 Winter Bathroom Trends Study." More than 7,600 US and Canadian homeowners participated in the survey. Of those who responded, 60 percent are planning to renovate their master bath. En suite master baths seem to be popular among all age groups with everyone dreaming of this luxury unto themselves.



More than half of survey respondents who are planning a master suite remodel say they'll start from scratch. In other words, they expect to gut the space or add on to create a full master bath en suite. What will they do with all

that new space? Most plan to add:

- Dual sinks
- Freestanding and drop-in tubs (in place of jacuzzis)
- Frameless glass for the shower (no curtains please!)
- White or dark wood cabinets (nothing too blonde)
- Windows (let there be light!)
- Shower seats
- Rain showers and hand sprays
- Radiant in-floor heating
- Wallpaper (especially in the powder room)
- Hardwood floors



Many of our own clients also have begun investing in large feature showers with dual sprays and chandeliers to introduce a bit of glamour.

Like our Minnesota clients and fixtures (49%), make the space more functional (37%), and increase their home's value (31%). Want to read more? Check out the [2014 Winter Bathroom Trends Study](#) online or check out the [HOUZZ bath photo collection](#) to get inspired.

REMODELING: AWARD WINNING MASTER BATH SUITE

Attic Turns Award-Winning Master Suite



The [new master bed-bath suite](#) pictured above was designed and built for a young professional couple last summer. Much like HOUZZ owners surveyed across the country (see [HOUZZ 2014 Winter Bathroom Trends Study](#)), our Golden Valley clients were looking to add a large master bath and closet space to their cramped second-story bedroom. Their master bath wish list included his and hers sinks, a freestanding tub, heavy glass shower panels, and lots of storage.

Our design for their new space required the introduction of two new dormers in the formerly unused, adjoining attic to create space for a true master bath and large, his-and-hers walk-in closets.

Why the award? We doubled the square footage of this master bedroom without expanding the home's footprint or altering its 1930s street-scape aesthetics. Moreover, every nook and cranny was utilized carefully for storage - including built-in wall of mirrored medicine cabinets, linen drawers, and oodles of shoe and accessory shelving in the remaining tight attic confines. At the same time, we carefully paired modern finishes and architecture (another client wish) with the traditional color palette found throughout this otherwise traditional home. The new space, while architecturally crisp and modern, does not feel out of place in its storybook setting and has, in fact, become a favorite among HOUZZ homeowners who have added it to nearly 6,000 idea books!

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