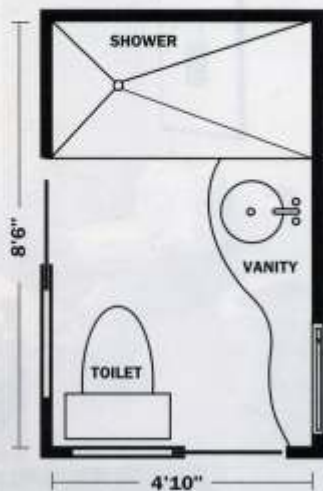


*Large or small,
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This sophisticated, stylish and seemingly spacious bathroom in a Toronto home started out as a black-and-white, cramped little 1950s era room. While the soft neutral colors, curved lines and warm lighting have expanded its look, the actual dimensions haven't changed.

The original room had a tub, pedestal sink and no room for storage — nowhere to rest even a toothbrush. The new vanity takes up more space but adds both style and storage. Interior designer Moya McPhail called for a marble countertop that would add soft curves to the rectangular room, saying, "We wanted smooth surfaces on the top and on the edges to

take the eye along the curve of the countertop," she says. "It undulates and eventually disappears." As well, a roomy shower stall with a built-in seat replaced the tub, and although it takes up more floor space, the reflective surface of its glass door creates an illusion of depth.

McPhail increased the size of the window for more natural light, mirrored the wall above the vanity and painted the room a deep taupe. The neutral coloring of the walls and the counter opens up the room and also serves as an accommodating background for colored accessories.

The owners "wanted both space and function," says McPhail, and the result is a room that works well and looks great.