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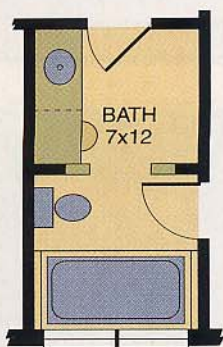
From basic and boring to stylishly sleek, these little beauties put fashion first in the bath.

sunshine and roses

Living in a metropolitan area rich with the tradition of the Arts and Crafts Movement, homeowners David and Kristine Raino-Ogden are busy preserving the spirit of that movement—focusing on simplicity, honesty of construction, and quality craftsmanship. Their preservation project: a 90-year-old bungalow last remodeled in the 1950s.

When the Chicago couple set out to restore the house's original charm and character, they paid meticulous attention to function and detail—combining new materials with traditional methods and attitudes. Their efforts are evident throughout their home, even in their 7x12-foot bath.

The formerly dreary bathroom featured gray and white tiles—a color scheme as cold as Lake Michigan on a brisk March morning. Painting the



walls sunshine yellow added a jolt of energy and a colorful backdrop for new white cabinets, marble countertops, and glossy white ceramic tiles on the tub wall and floor. Custom-designed tile insets inject welcome splashes of crimson and black, as well as visible proof of David and Kristine's devotion to the Arts and Crafts Movement. David designed the abstract rose motif himself, using for inspiration the stylized, linear forms of Charles Rennie Mackintosh—a turn-of-the-century Scottish designer.

"Mackintosh kept things simple and honest, yet he had a flair for delight," says David, who is an architect. "He drew inspiration from the Arts and Crafts Movement, but he also drew from his own surroundings: for him, Scotland; for me, Chicago."



For another variation of the stylized rose, Kristine stenciled the design on white trim molding that had been painted to hide the unevenness of a drywall joint where the ceiling meets the wall. Stenciling is an inexpensive way to decorate, David says, because new owners can just paint over the stenciling if they wish.

Besides reflecting the Arts and Crafts style, David and Kristine's sunny bath also sets an upbeat tone for any day.

"It's sort of our happy bathroom," Kristine says. "It's a great way to wake up in the morning."

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Dazzling yellow walls provide the framework for a bathroom sunny enough to serve as an antidote to Chicago's chilly winds. Sparkling white 4x4-inch ceramic tiles line the tub wall and floor, complemented by white cabinetry and trim molding. A single oversize marble countertop functions as the makeup area.

The artisan's touch—a must for any authentic Arts and Crafts interior—is repeated in the stylized rose motif stenciled on the white painted trim molding. A mirror installed over the countertop makes the small bath seem surprisingly large.

