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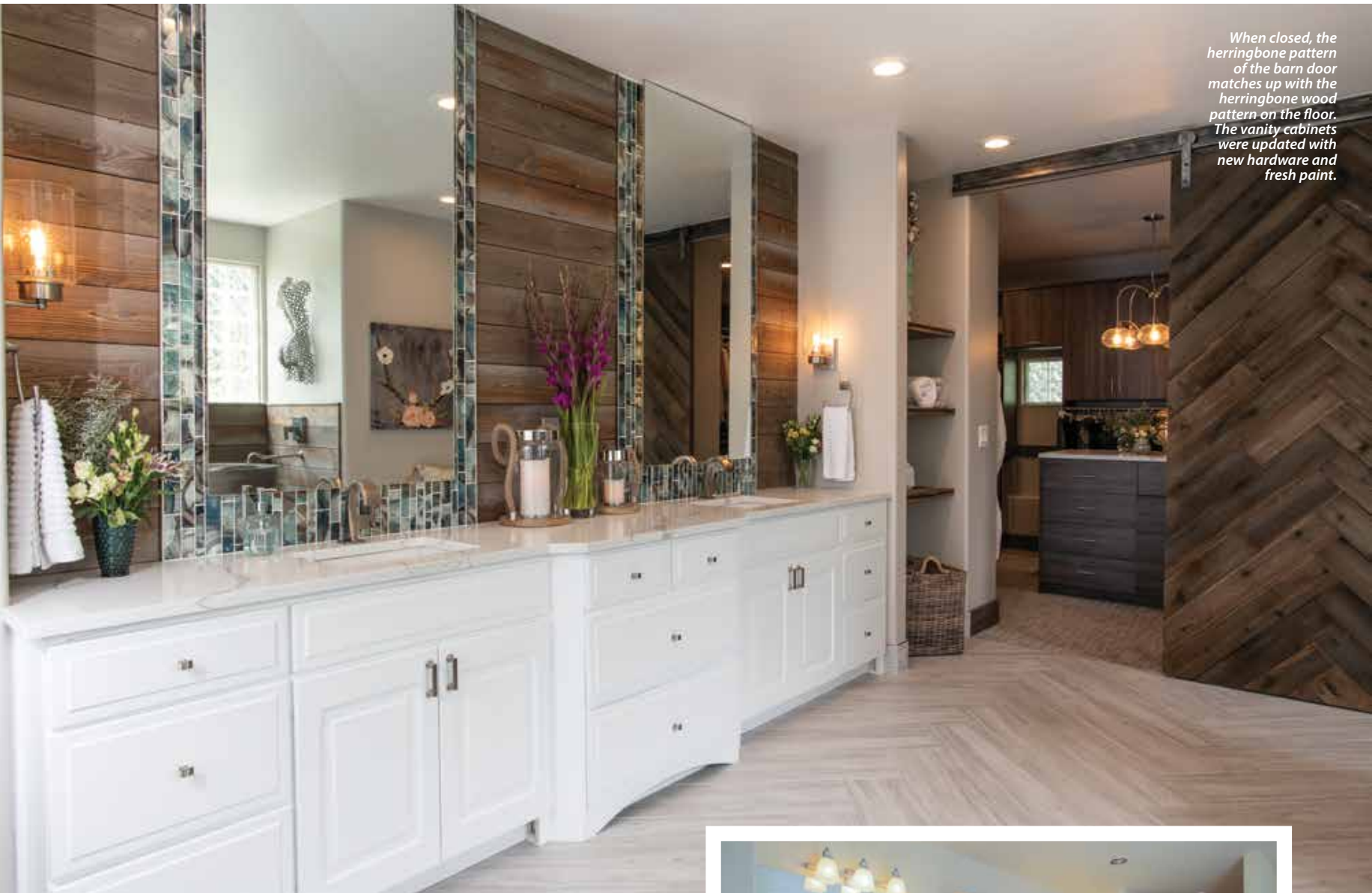
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An inspired redesign creates a personal space that's both
beautiful and functional

BEFORE & AFTER

Complete master suite renovation makes the space more functional and stylish

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When closed, the herringbone pattern of the barn door matches up with the herringbone wood pattern on the floor. The vanity cabinets were updated with new hardware and fresh paint.

SOME HOME RENOVATIONS look and feel revolutionary in the world of home design. This project — completed last winter by Emily Kearl, owner and designer at M.E. Design Studio, and Paul Stage of Carpentry Inc. — is one for the books.

The original intention for the transformation was to make the

bathroom and closet space more useable and functional.

“We removed some unnecessary walls to open up the space,” Kearl shares.

Included in the redo was incorporating a unique barn door, toilet door and a beautiful Japanese soaking tub that Kearl says is “an art piece for the entire bathroom.”



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— EMILY KEARL, M.E. DESIGN STUDIO



The Japanese soaking tub is a piece of art in and of itself.

A photograph of Emily Kearl, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a black blazer over a white shirt and black pants, standing on a modern staircase with a metal railing. The background shows a contemporary interior with a staircase and a wall-mounted light fixture.

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A photograph of a balcony with a wooden deck and a metal railing, overlooking a scenic mountain landscape with evergreen trees and a house in the distance. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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A photograph of a kitchen interior with wooden cabinets, a granite countertop, and a stainless steel oven. The room is well-lit with warm lighting.

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Originally, the shower had no door, making for drafty showers. By adding a door and some insulation on the exterior wall, it's now much warmer.



“The Japanese soaking tub was a main feature in the design,” says Kearl. “Everything started with this brilliant piece that I found in Denver — everything else just fell together after that.”

The shower space was also revamped to make it warmer, and wood wainscoting and vanity wall treatments were added with all-new tile and finishes throughout.

“The space was dated and in need of a transformation, and the clients needed this space to be functional,” Kearl explains.

Additional aesthetics are stylistically incorporated, like the floating vanity mirrors that are backlit with LED lighting behind them.

“The tile column holds the plumbing for the shower

fixtures but it is such a beautiful piece of art, too, along with the glass tile,” says Kearl. “And the one-of-a-kind barn door picks up on the tile floor pattern when the barn door is closed, so fun!”

This remodeled bathroom was successfully reimagined and completed with modern style that maintains an inviting energy of comfortable elegance. Kearl pulled together all the dynamic elements of the project with wide white herringbone tile complemented by the matching herringbone-laid barn door. Rustic textures from the metal and wood accents offer the space a warm mountain feel, creating an overall balance to the space and an impressive display of alpine-modern design. **VVH**

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