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**Alki Vanity Brings Modern Sophistication to
’80s-Era Bathroom**

With elegant simplicity and ample storage, Strasser Woodenworks’ freestanding vanity helps create a welcoming designer bath

From the set-in-the-wall vanity to the stained top to the large, dated mirror, everything about Faye Kirkendall’s Woodinville, Washington bathroom trumpeted its early-’80s origins.

Along with its outmoded and ho-hum fixtures, the small space felt cramped and dark. Kirkendall sought to open up the room while bringing in fresh, modern styling from floor to ceiling.

The first step was to replace the worn-out flooring with wood-look vinyl that was both durable and light-toned. The second bold move was the incorporation of the [Alki](http://www.strasserwood.com/alki.html) vanity from [Strasser Woodenworks](http://www.strasserwood.com/). Versatile in function as well as in style, Alki’s clean sophistication—complete with Shaker doors, dovetail drawers, and slender rectilinear legs—elevates not only contemporary bathrooms, but is perfect for transitional baths like Kirkendall’s.

The 60-inch Alki “Essence” model Kirkendall chose offered room for dual undermount sinks along with ample storage: cabinets and wide drawers adorn each side, joined by three deep, soft-close drawers down the center.

The vanity is paired with a cultured Sangda Falls quartz countertop, adding a swirl of light grays, browns, and white. Coordinating with this ensemble is a 48-inch Tri View medicine cabinet with an overhanging LED light. A matching 24-inch overjohn cabinet above the toilet continues the look. The homeowner chose a chocolate cherry stained finish, a medium tone that coordinates with trim throughout the bathroom and the rest of the house.

Kirkendall says the freestanding format is what drew her to the Alki vanity. “What I like so much is that it doesn’t look like bathroom cabinetry; it looks like a piece of furniture,” she explains. “It really sets the whole bathroom apart.”

The clean lines also were key. “It’s very simple, very classy looking,” she says. “It doesn’t look cheesy. I like its simplicity, it’s lack of ornamentation.”

To further freshen up the space, Kirkendall swapped out dated faucets and fixtures for contemporary-leaning options boasting soft-yet-striking curves with a fountain-like appeal and a chrome finish. New mirror doors on the closet help reflect daylight while etched-glass French doors lend a spa-like feeling and bring in light from the adjoining bedroom.

The effect is not only a more timely aesthetic, but a welcoming air. “The old bathroom felt cramped and dark,” Kirkendall recalls. “The remodeled space has lots of light and reflection, making it feel bright.”

Like all of Strasser Woodenworks’ vanities, Alki is manufactured wholly in the USA using solid wood doors and dovetail drawers and solid-wood legs. Finishes are hand-rubbed. All wood species are sourced from the US or Canada.

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