



## classic casual

Designer Ingrid Leess maximized the sunlight in her Connecticut home

stick to one hue A monochromatic color scheme blurs the distinction between walls, countertops and cabinets to create the illusion of more space. Here, the only real color comes from pale-blue glass tiles above the cooktop.

blend in utilitarian pieces Not everyone wants an industrial, prostyle kitchen. For a more subtle look, tuck appliances into base cabinets or blend them seamlessly into surfaces, like Leess did with the induction cooktop here.

de-bulk the walls Fewer wall cabinets mean two great benefits: room for windows to lighten a small space, and an easier visual transition from the kitchen to the adjoining dining area.

choose casual finishes Brushedand satin-finish fixtures-a more subtle choice than shiny stainless-and quartz-composite countertops instead of fancier granite are toned-down options for a modest space.





## STYLE ESSENTIALS



Classic Avenue Maple in Chiffon, about \$600 for a 40" base cabinet; merillat.com for dealers.



Tall Tibetan Barstool with Mahogany Stain, \$119; potterybarn.com.



Glass Blox in Moonbeam, \$19-\$24 per 12" x 12" mosaic sheet; **crossvilleinc.com**.

## baths

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> 1960 house style TRADITIONAL ARTS & CRAFTS 3,000 SQ. FT.

3 BEDROOMS 4 BATHS

# purple reign

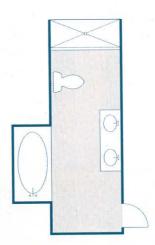
The crowning glory of one Toronto home: this lilac-laced bath

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That's what the owners of an Arts & Crafts-style home in Toronto had in mind for their bathroom remodel. So designer Tara Fingold Coleman, owner of Toronto-based Tara Fingold Interiors, dreamed up a spa-like lilac-and-white retreat accented with sparkling chrome fixtures and crystaltinged lighting. The result: a room fit for a queen.

olor and tranquility.



FLOOR PLAN To enlarge the space, Coleman combined it with the old laundry room and a closet.

OPT FOR READY-MADE Coleman found a traditional-style vanity (tarafingold.com) with plenty of storage underneath that fit into the space. Twin square Kubic mirrors (\$650 each; elte.com) flank the Claremont sconce by Artcraft (\$187; greatlighting.com).



## resources

## buying guide

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Window & Doors. Backsplash tile, Glass Blox in Moonbeam, Crossville. Cabinet

hardware, Emma in Venetian Bronze, Atlas Homewares. Countertops, Organic