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Easy Bath Re-do

other fix-up methods such as retiling or repainting the tub and shower can be costly

if performed by a professional, and may end up looking sub-par if attempted by an

amateur. Plus, even the best paint job has the potential to crack or scratch over time

A new trend that has emerged in recent years is the installation of acrylic bathtubs and shower units over existing bathroom features. There are a number of national franchises

or independent contractors who are qualified in bath-refitting projects. This can be a

fast and cost-effective solution for homeowners looking to revamp the bathroom with

These installation projects typically involve a few easy steps. A qualified individual

will come and measure the existing bathroom and fixtures. The measurements are then incorporated into new custom-made tubs and showers, which the homeowner can have a hand in choosing and/or designing, depending upon services offered. When com-

pleted the new materials are installed directly over the old tub or shower, minimizing

the mess and time involved in renovations. What's more, the majority of these new

products are made from acrylic or plastic components, making them easier to clean

By now most homeowners are aware that kitchens

and bathrooms are areas of the home that potential

buyers carefully scrutinize upon viewing a property.

For those who are not selling, these same rooms

can indicate to any visitors the level of upkeep on

a home. And an outdated bathroom or kitchen can

be an eyesore. For these reasons, kitchens and baths

are some of the first places homeowners consider

While a bathroom can be improved by swapping

out old fixtures for new, if the tub or shower is in

poor condition, the efforts will be little appreciated. However, removing a tub can be a time-consuming and messy endeavor, one that has the potential to

ruin floors, walls and even plumbing. Additionally,

- leaving a homeowner with an eyesore.



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