

The Homeowner's Guide To Bath Remodeling



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The bathroom is an essential part of every home. Playing such a vital role in our daily lives. The tub or shower area is often ignored as a home improvement project until serious problems arise. Trying to find a solution while living with a dysfunctional bathroom for weeks, if not months, can be challenging to say the least. With the use of your bathroom compromised, you may find yourself making rushed decisions that could cost even more in the long run. Before an issue arises, be proactive and plan your bath remodel. What you want for your bathing area, who you want to do the work, and how the process will affect your family from start to finish will ensure you are prepared to remodel.

This guide will walk you through the planned process, Bath Express Pros is always available to lend a personalized hand .



Reasons to Remodel

When is the right time to remodel? Here are a few signs.

Aesthetics: You deserve a bathroom that reflects your style. After all, you want to make a good impression on guests. Keeping your bathing area beautiful and functional will make maintenance much easier. With the right materials and installation projects, you can have a tub or shower that looks brand new for as long as you own your home.

Repairs: One of the most common reasons to remodel is existing problems like leaks or mold which can also cause damage to other rooms if left untreated for too long. It is very important to identify and address problems quickly. If you notice a musty smell or see a hairline crack in the tub, you should call a professional immediately.

Stay in your home longer: As we age, it can become difficult to get around the house, bathroom essentials like toilets and bathtubs become harder to maneuver. This doesn't always mean you have to abandon your independence. Converting your bathtub to a walk-in shower, installing grab bars and an elevated toilet seat can contribute to many more years in your home. The sooner you make these improvements, the safer you will be.



Design Decisions for your Perfect Bath

There is a lot to consider when planning a bathroom remodeling project. We've broken down the most important considerations to give you a head start.

Remodel vs. Renovation: Remodeling doesn't have to mean demolition work. You can make changes that are less invasive and more productive. Even if you are planning to renovate the entire bathroom with new flooring and new walls. Breaking your project into sub-projects and making simple choices about each can help avoid a long and disruptive renovation.



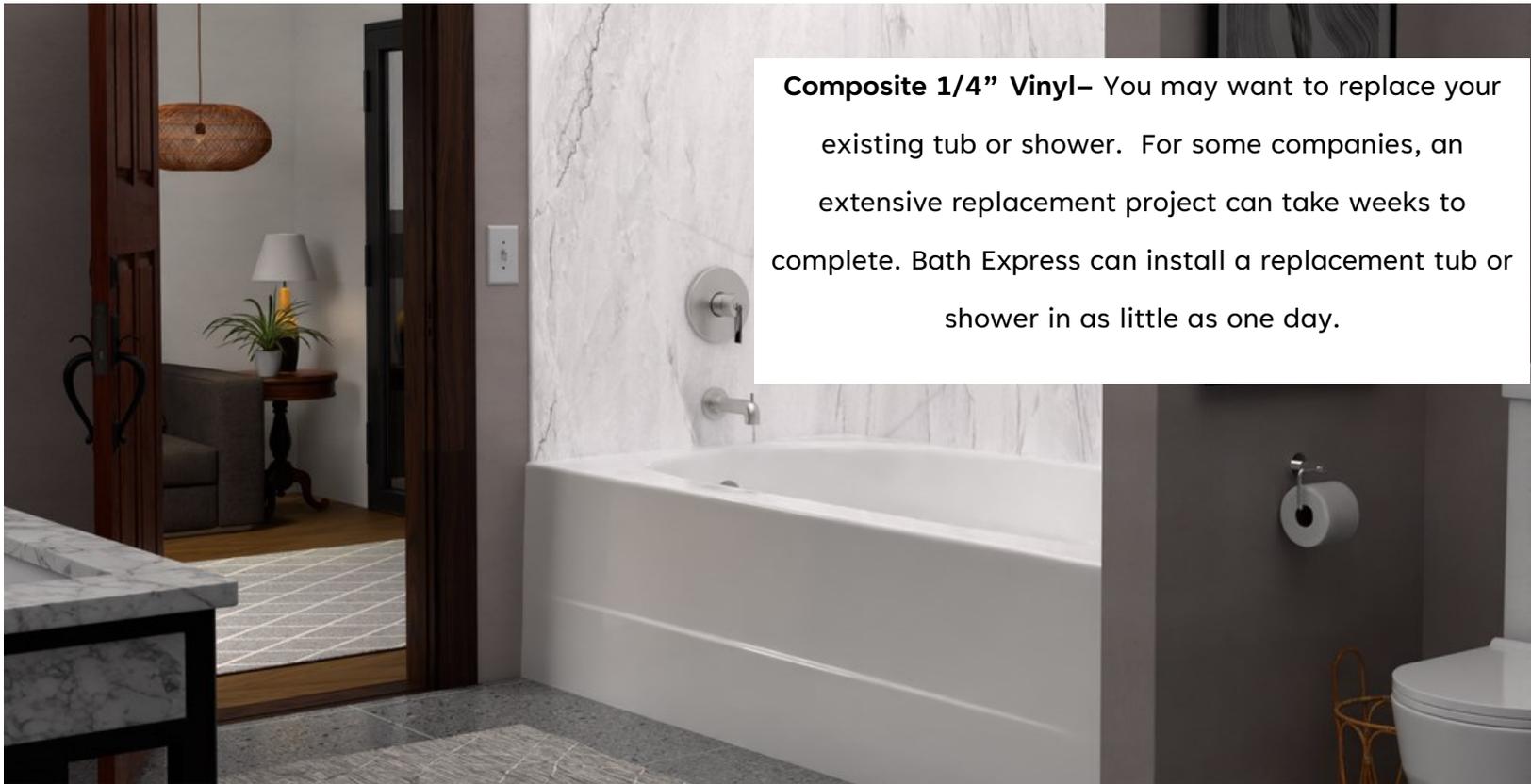
Tub or Shower: What kind of bathing area do you want?

Are you looking to give new life to your existing tub?

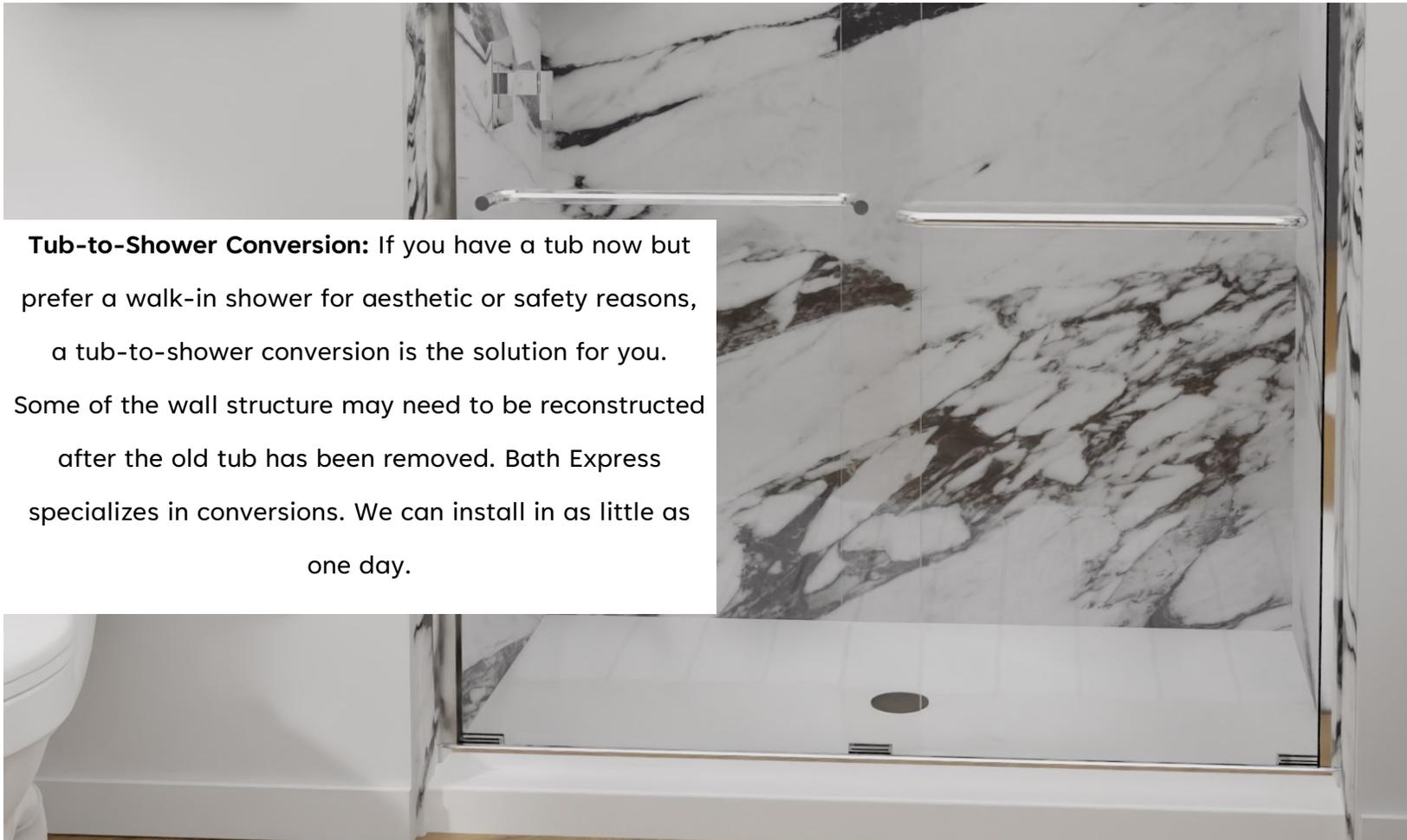
Do you want a larger area so you can soak? A spacious experience with a walk-in shower? Deciding what you

want will help with other choices you need to make





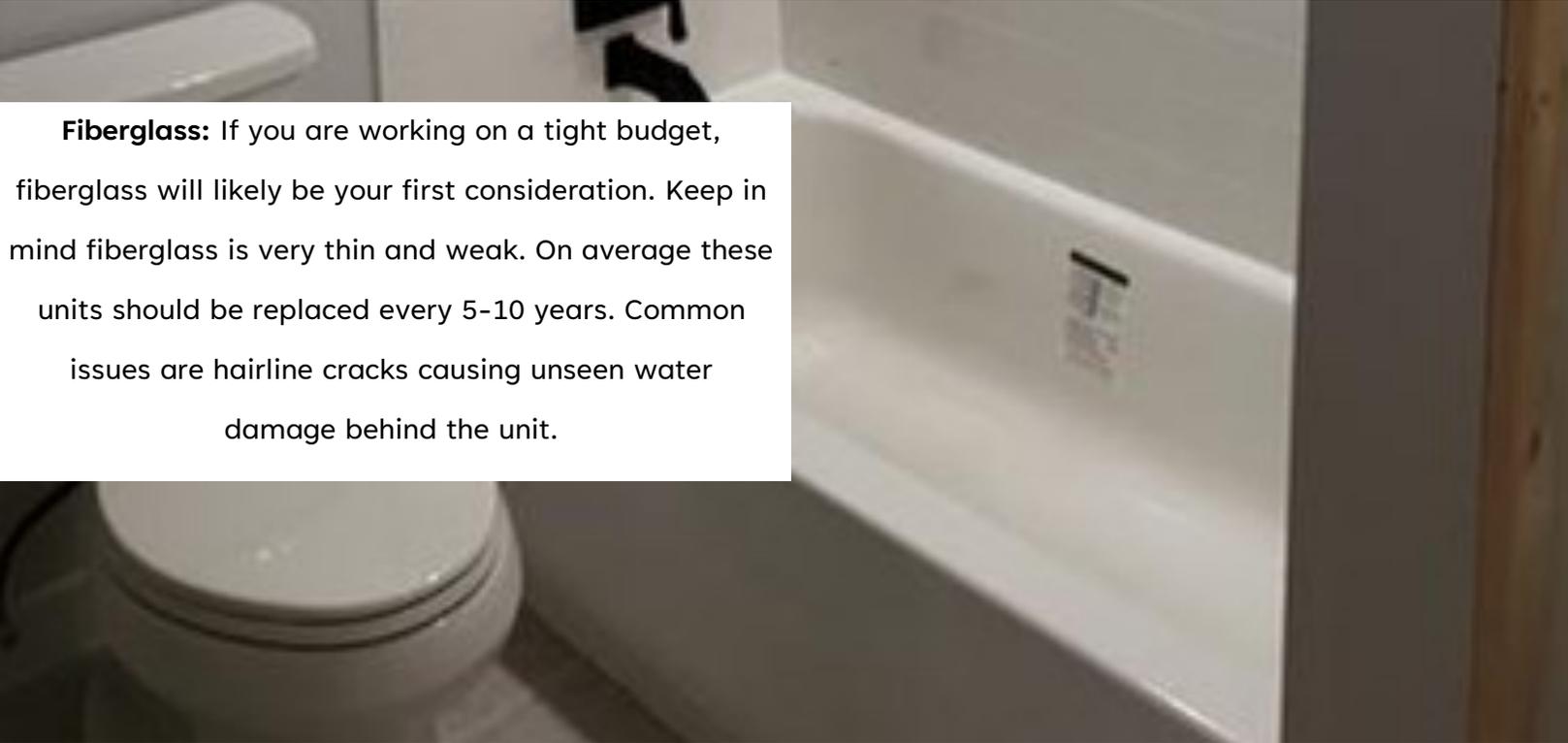
Composite 1/4" Vinyl– You may want to replace your existing tub or shower. For some companies, an extensive replacement project can take weeks to complete. Bath Express can install a replacement tub or shower in as little as one day.



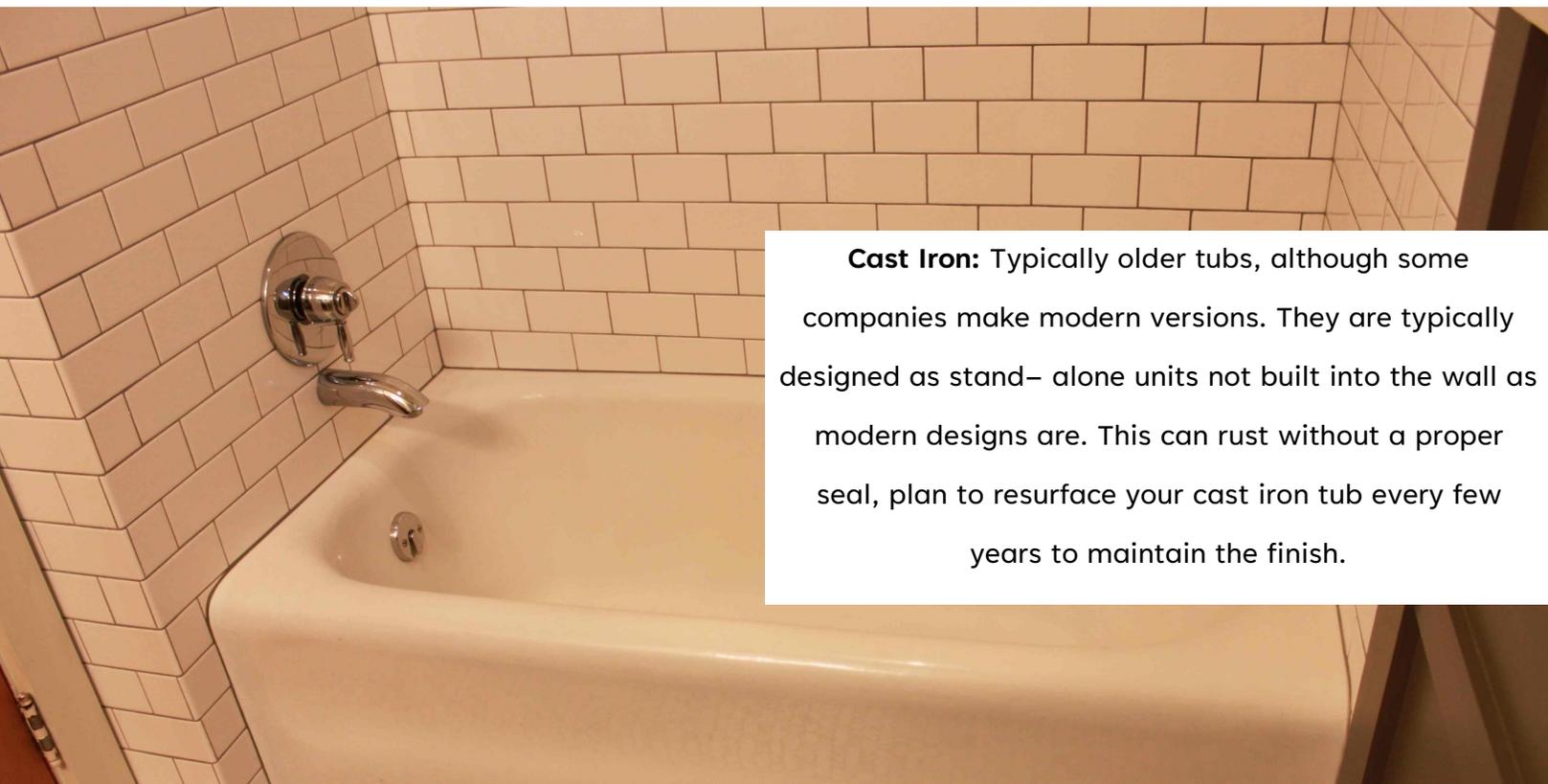
Tub-to-Shower Conversion: If you have a tub now but prefer a walk-in shower for aesthetic or safety reasons, a tub-to-shower conversion is the solution for you. Some of the wall structure may need to be reconstructed after the old tub has been removed. Bath Express specializes in conversions. We can install in as little as one day.

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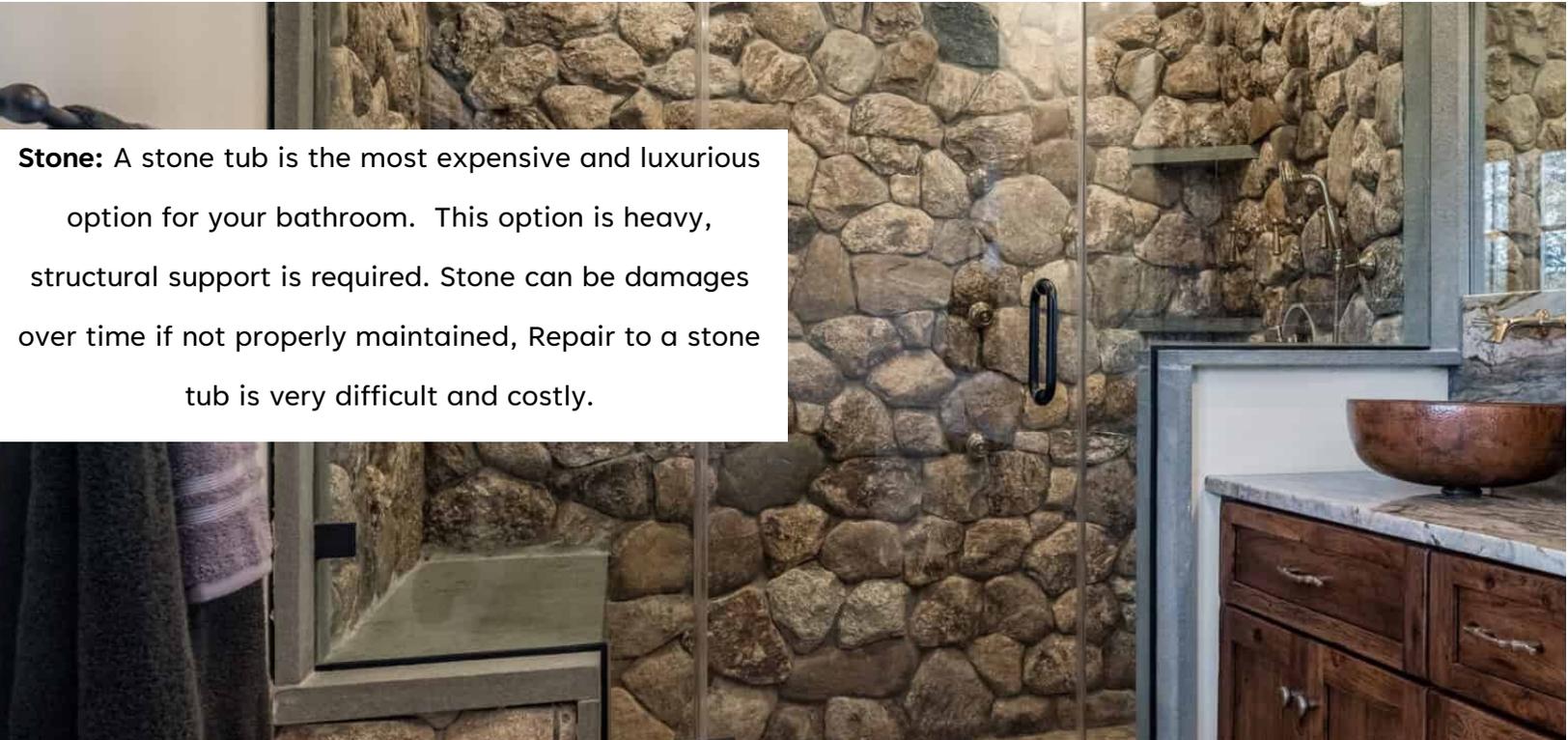
Fiberglass: If you are working on a tight budget, fiberglass will likely be your first consideration. Keep in mind fiberglass is very thin and weak. On average these units should be replaced every 5-10 years. Common issues are hairline cracks causing unseen water damage behind the unit.



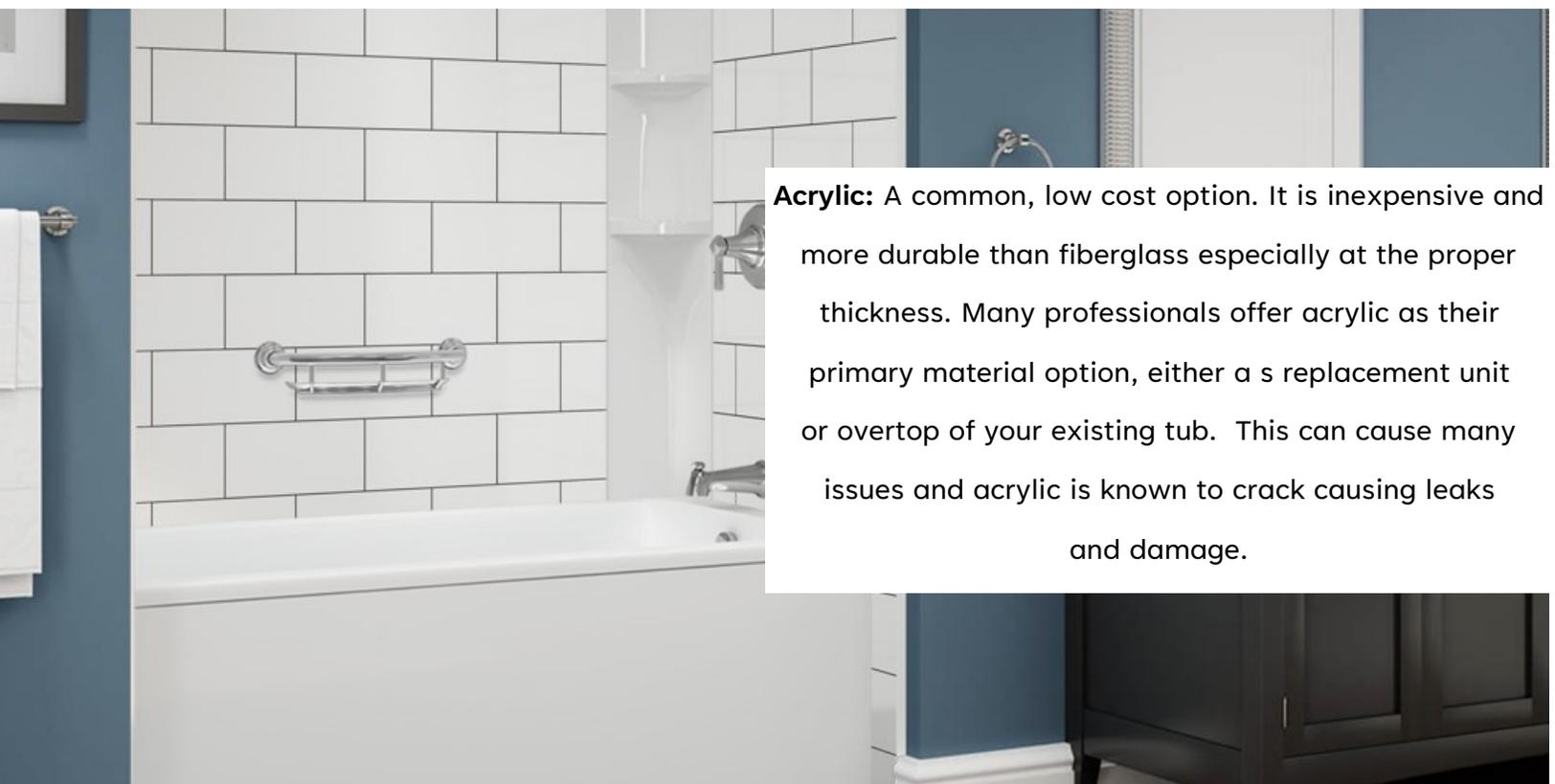
Cast Iron: Typically older tubs, although some companies make modern versions. They are typically designed as stand-alone units not built into the wall as modern designs are. This can rust without a proper seal, plan to resurface your cast iron tub every few years to maintain the finish.

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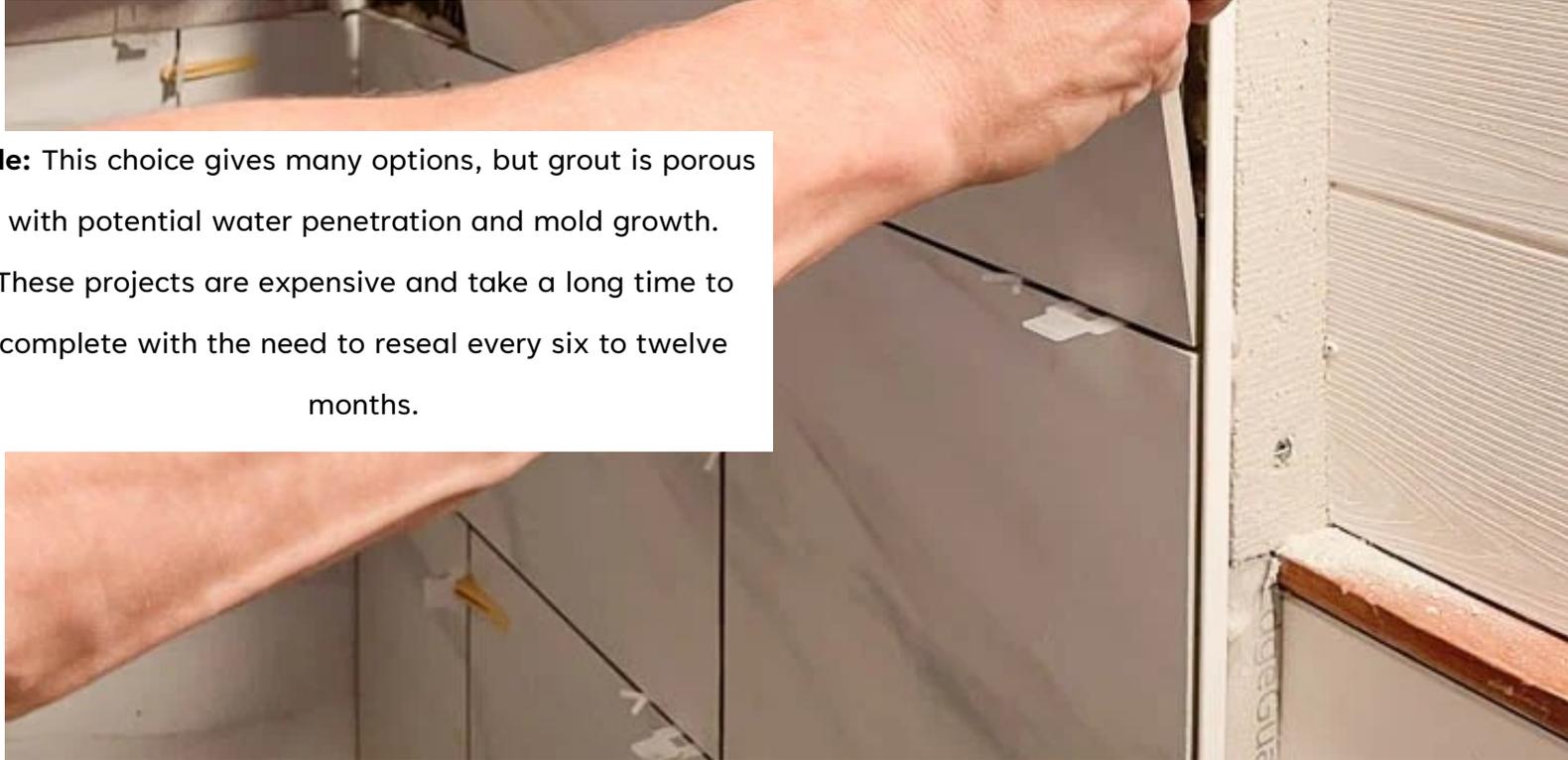
Stone: A stone tub is the most expensive and luxurious option for your bathroom. This option is heavy, structural support is required. Stone can be damaged over time if not properly maintained, Repair to a stone tub is very difficult and costly.



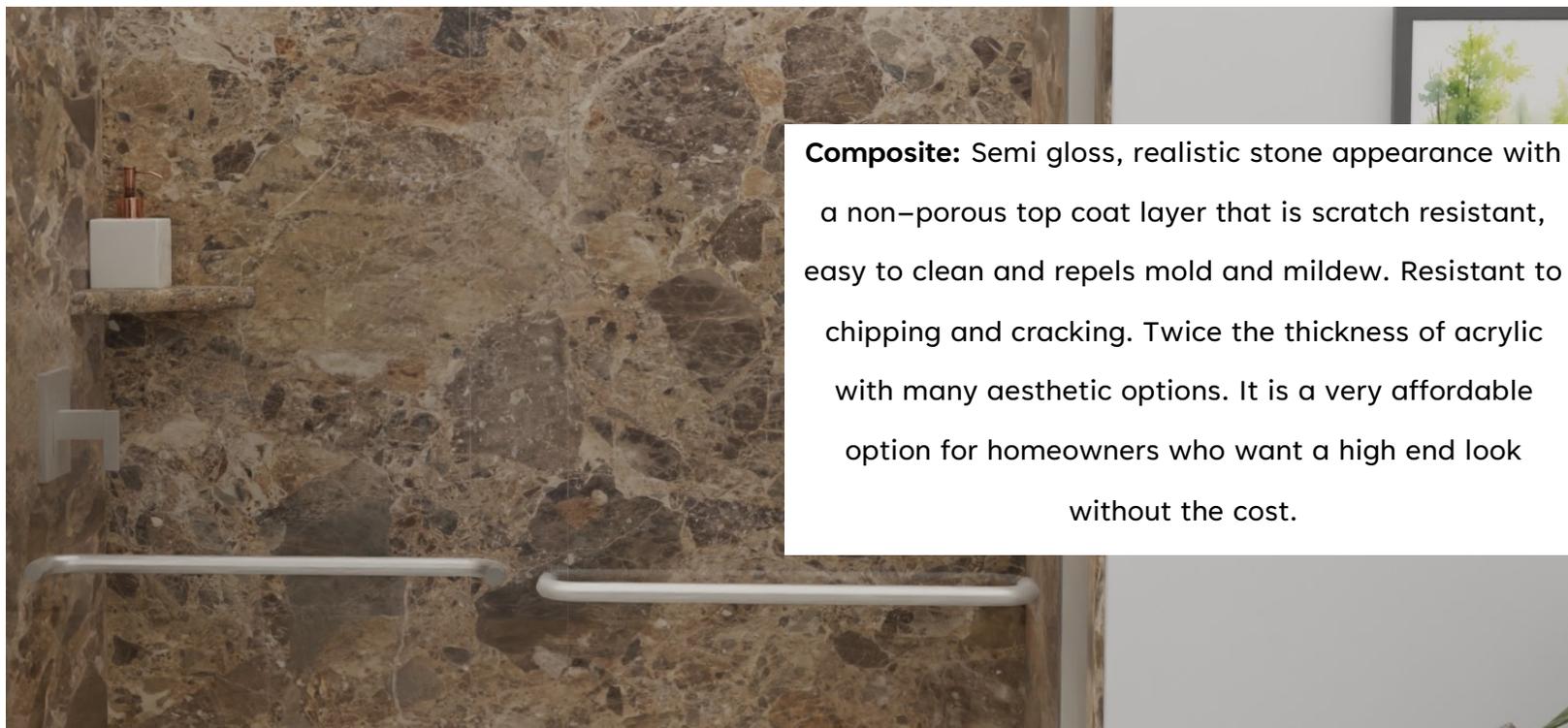
Acrylic: A common, low cost option. It is inexpensive and more durable than fiberglass especially at the proper thickness. Many professionals offer acrylic as their primary material option, either as a replacement unit or overtop of your existing tub. This can cause many issues and acrylic is known to crack causing leaks and damage.

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Tile: This choice gives many options, but grout is porous with potential water penetration and mold growth. These projects are expensive and take a long time to complete with the need to reseal every six to twelve months.



Composite: Semi gloss, realistic stone appearance with a non-porous top coat layer that is scratch resistant, easy to clean and repels mold and mildew. Resistant to chipping and cracking. Twice the thickness of acrylic with many aesthetic options. It is a very affordable option for homeowners who want a high end look without the cost.

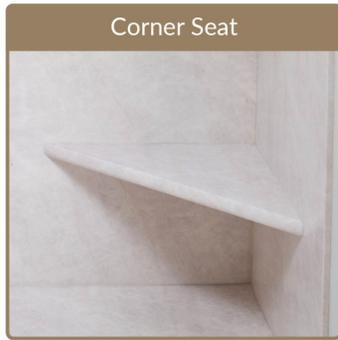
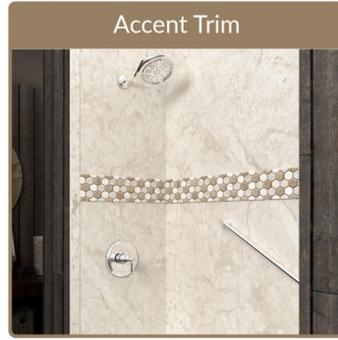
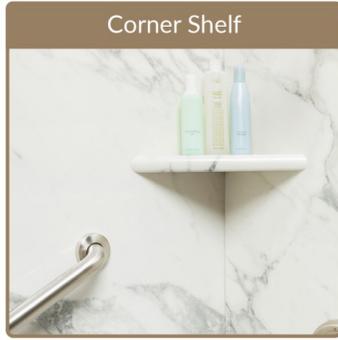
Customize Your Bath

Once you have a solid concept and materials chosen for your tub or shower, its time to consider everything that will accent the space.



Wall Surround: The wall of your bathing area doesn't just complement the space. It is a functional aspect of your tub or shower. The wall surround needs to be sturdy enough to hold shelving, grab bars, or your own weight if you slip. It must also be waterproof to prevent water from leaking.

Fixtures and Accessories



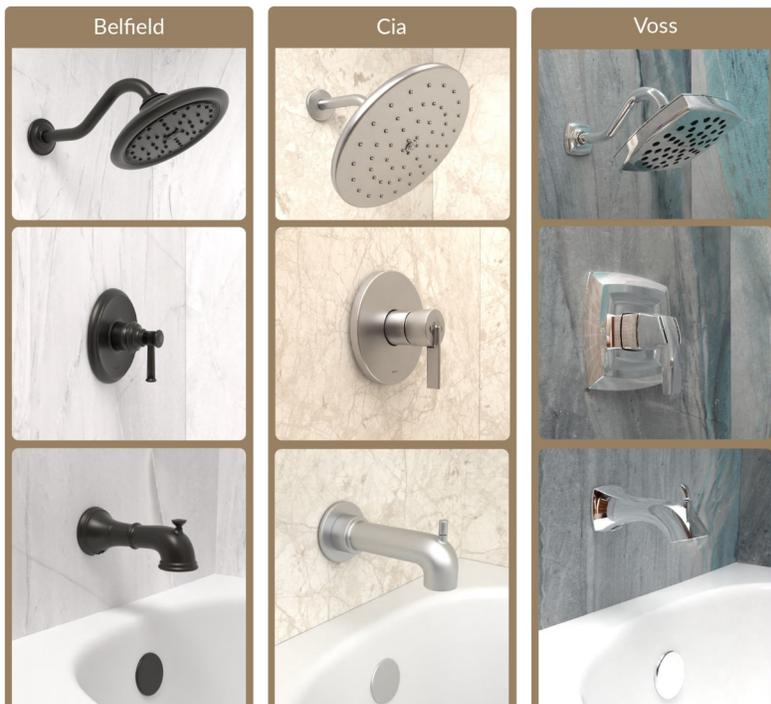
You will need fixtures that fit your style and the functional needs of you and your family. Consider curtain rod or shower doors. Don't forget shelving to hold soaps and shampoos. When you hire a professional like Bath Express Pros you have several options to pick from shave shelves to bench seats. Schedule an in home estimate to design your perfect bathroom.

Sentrel now offers Moen and Kingmore fixtures in a variety of styles and finishes including shower heads, tub spouts, and grab bars.



Grab bars 3 available in 3 lengths.

MOEN shower heads come in 3 styles each available in 3 finishes.



Choosing a Remodeler

Now that you know what you want in your bathroom, its time to choose someone to do the work. Find someone who has your desired options and can do the work within your budget.



DIY or a Contractor:

For any home improvement project, its tempting to do the work yourself. When it comes to things like watertight seals and plumbing work, we recommend a professional. The risk of damage done to your home due to amateur plumbing work or poor seals is not worth the potential savings. Talk to companies that offer the options you want. Don't work with a company unless they evaluate your bathroom for underlaying problems. Some companies even offer free consultations.

Choose a company that takes full responsibility for the entire process, from the first time you call to the final installation and anything beyond.



Warranty: A legitimate remodeling company stands behind their work. Research each company's warranty as well online reviews to see if they back up their warranty promises. Materials may also affect your warranty. Fiberglass units are typically warranted for 5-10 years because that is the product's maximum lifespan. Bath Express uses composite materials that do not degrade over time, so they offer a lifetime warranty, for as long as you own the home, 100% transferrable one time.

Cost: When calculating your budget, account for more than just materials; consider the labor costs and warranty as well. Do you want a quick fix that will require more work in the future? Are you investing in the last upgrade you'll ever make to your bathing area? Don't be afraid to invest now so that you can save money in the long run.

Remodeling is a big decision. Planning and preparing now will help you avoid risks, stress and wasted money in the future.

For help planning your bath remodeling project call Bath Express Pros for a free in-home consultation and evaluation of your bathing area. Get a professional's opinion on the state of your bathroom, get recommendations on the best way to improve your bathing area and design your new bathroom and get an estimate with an exact price.

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