

State-of-the-Art Design

With handles to match the basin faucet, the Vista Custom Shower System is a homeowner and designer's dream. Thanks to a state of the art TempAssure™ thermostatic valve, the system will automatically premix the water to within three degrees of the same temperature every time. "You don't have to adjust the temperature every time you use the shower," explains Ginny Beauchemin, Manager at The EnSuite Bath & Kitchen Showroom. The temperature remains the same throughout the duration of the shower, regardless of other water demands in the rest of the home. Although most body sprays use 2.5 gallons per minute, these use 1.6 gallons while delivering the same massage experience.

The shower system is totally customizable. There are separate controls for temperature and volume. Body sprays adjust vertically and horizontally just by turning, and can be located on any wall, at any height. The hand-held shower is optional.

The Vista line is only one of the handle styles in the new Brizo series by Delta, a name synonymous with dependability and ingenuity, that for years, was best known for its entry-level faucet. "They've come a long way," says Beauchemin. "Delta has realized there's a market out there for designer faucets. This is a very exciting series for us because it's so complete."

Besides regular matching bathrooms accessories, Brizo also offers matching light fixtures, candles sconces, wall mirrors and toilet flush levers. All faucets, handles and accessories are available in four finishes: brilliance brass, polished chrome, brilliance brushed nickel, and the exciting new brilliance brushed bronze.

Specialty Renovation

This kitchen is another example of why the Manitoba Home Builders' Association awarded Gold to All-Canadian Renovations (ACR) in the 2004 Kitchen Category.

Formerly, this home exuded a very '70s look. Renovations involved extending the kitchen out by six feet. The finished project boasts a two-tiered peninsula, which features an eat-at counter on one side, with a pullout recycling bin and dishwasher on the other. The countertops are in concrete with undermount sinks.

ACR installed a tray ceiling with a skylight and track lighting around the opening. Cabinets are a combination of stainless steel and maple, finished alternately in natural and dark burgundy stains. The glass doors open from the bottom. ACR ordered special hardware for this application, as well as for the dual sliding glass pocket door that closes off the kitchen from the dining room. "For these specialty projects you have to have knowledge and experience not only in cabinets, but in all aspects of renovations," says Tony Chaput of ACR.

Another essential element is customer service. Renovations to a kitchen or bathroom affect the heart of a home's living space, often for a period of six to eight weeks. To mitigate the associated stress, All Canadian Renovations stays in constant touch with its clients, ready to diffuse any concerns that arise. ACR ensures the highest quality in courteous tradespeople.

"It's really difficult to get someone who will truly listen to your concerns," says Michael Kerr of ACR. "That's an area in which we try especially hard. We take time to explain the reasons behind everything we do."

