

MIRACLE METHOD Makes Old New Again

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Even the most humble of bathrooms turn into much-deserved personal mini-retreat as you sink into a hot bath or step into a steamy shower to relax and unwind from the stress of the day. That is, unless the bliss is broken by unattractive ravages of a worn or damaged tub or shower. Seeing that crack, chip, hole, stain or outdated color is at best a minor annoyance, but there's no need to replace a below par tub or tile surround to give your bathroom a fresh look.

Just the thought of the aggravation, time, mess and expense associated with removal and replacement is more than enough motivation to put it off for a little while longer. But that muchneeded makeover is easier than you think. Miracle Method has several offices in the Fort Worth area that can create a bathroom makeover in just a day at a surprisingly affordable price.

In business for 28 years, Miracle Method is the nation's leader in bathtub, tile and counter top surface restoration. Miracle Method uses a proprietary process that restores cultured marble, fiberglass and porcelain surfaces to look and feel like new.

"It's a shame to see perfectly good bathtubs, sinks and countertops thrown away when all they need is to have their

surface restored or the color changed; especially when most 25- to 30-year-old tubs are actually made better than today's models," said Michael Donathan, Arlington/South Dallas franchise owner.

"We can take a chipped and dated bathtub and make it look brand new in a matter of hours," said Donathan.

Donathan, who services the Arlington, De Soto, Duncanville, Grand Prairie and Mansfield areas, says he can repair a fiberglass tub with a crack or hole in the bottom and you wouldn't know the damage was ever there.

"Wow and disbelief is the most common reaction when I transform a harvest-gold tub to bright white or make an outdated laminate countertop look like stone." he said.



Although refinishing bathtubs makes up the bulk of their work, these professionals are artists when it comes to matching colors, repairing chips and creating custom colors to fit a customer's décor.

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Homeowners are especially excited about Miracle Method's new stone finishes and ability to create new edge profiles on countertops.

"By adding a bull nose, it creates the look of an expensive granite countertop," said Martin Rugroden, a franchisee serving the Colleyville, Grapevine, Irving, Mid Cities and North Richland Hills areas. "The end result is very dramatic and can radically change the look of the entire kitchen."

Rugroden added that he has worked in all ranges of homes from \$50,000 to \$1 million, including large and small single family houses and condos, and Miracle Method results look great in all of them.

"Although it works well anytime, usually it's needed about the time a house is at least 20 years old and things start looking worn. It's a great value in terms of cost, but it's also equal in durability to new replacement, but in much less time and with much less hassle."

Miracle Method offers a durable and affordable way to update or



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change the two most important rooms in the house — bathroom and kitchen.

"You don't have to spend a fortune to make your house look really nice," said Donathan. "People have been using faux finishes and different colors on their walls for years. Why not do the same thing for your tub and counters?"

The company is proud of its 28 years of quality and durability and has high standards for its franchisees, as do the franchisees for their employees. New franchisees are thoroughly trained during supervised jobs in the field, working in actual homes, apartments or hotel rooms before they open their doors for business, and it doesn't end there. They continue to receive information about industry products and application techniques. And, like many other professions, they are required to participate in follow up training so they can always provide the latest and very best of what is available in restoration.



"We're trained to do this business extremely well and our employees don't go into anybody's home until we're certain they can handle the job," said Darrin Martin, owner of the Fort Worth franchise. "For me, total satisfaction comes when the client is happy after I finish a job. When I'm in your house, it's in good hands.

Miracle Method offers a five-year guarantee against peeling or failure of adhesion. A refinished surface should last 15 to 20 years using the same care and maintenance recommended by new tub manufacturers. To see pictures of refinished fixtures and to learn more about bath and kitchen remodeling, visit Miracle Method's Web site at www.miraclemethod.com or call 888-271-7690 to be connected to the nearest Miracle Method office.

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