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For an empty-nesting couple, “changing it up” became their mantra as they looked to embrace a new and improved look for their home in Ho-Ho-Kus. They sought out the keen design eye of top-notch kitchen and bath designer Julia Kleyman of Ulrich to help change their master bath. “The original bathroom was outdated, leaking, and did not have separate ‘his and her’ vanities or water closet areas. My client wanted a traditional white bathroom with the elements of a modern look,” Kleyman says. “One of the main priorities was to provide privacy and create a new toilet room, which we located in part of the space that originally housed a tub. By adding a ribbed glass panel in the ‘water closet,’ it allows light to travel through and makes the room feel less confined.”

Next on the couple’s “must-have” list was separate “his and her” spaces. “By keeping the shower in its original location we were able to create “her” vanity area complete with an abundance of storage and illuminated makeup mirror,” says the designer, who has been with Ulrich for more than 10 years. A “his” vanity and recessed wall cabinet, which is behind a tall linen cabinet, make this well-organized space perfect for the man of the house. Kleyman used a series of rectangular shapes in the room – wall mirrors with built-in lighting, the shower’s clear glass panel and a tiled shower wall mural, that all seamlessly connect function to beauty. The use of this design element “creates a rhythm between glass, mirrors and cabinetry,” says Kleyman.

Keeping to the design task of creating a “crisp white” foundation for the bathroom, Kleyman chose Thassos tile for the main floor and a white tile with a glass coating for the shower. A polished light green onyx mosaic was used as accent tile throughout the room, from creating a border in the shower, running as a carpet on the electric heated floor, to formatting a dramatic background for the mirrors. Other key elements of the space include: Green Surf granite counter tops and backsplashes, white Caesar stone shower jambs and floating seat, white cabinetry and polished chrome hardware and fixtures. ➤