

# bathroom by Terranova

Vienna, Va.



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## From disaster to destination before



- **Project specifics:** One month of demolition and botched installation: \$20,000; eight weeks for the resurrection and completion of the project: \$60,000. Total time between starting the project and taking a bath: seven months. Total cost: \$80,000.

- **Major area of concern:** When Marcelo and Rita Dobrachi of Terranova walked into Tina Doyle's home, they had to tread carefully. The family was still recovering from a series of traumatic events related to their master bathroom. An ant swarm, a wall of mold beneath the tile and a botched self-contractor job that caused \$20,000 worth of damage (including \$10,000 of ruined green onyx marble) had left the Doyles skittish, to say the least.

- **Biggest challenge:** "My confidence level was so low. I wanted to hire a professional, but I was so anxious," explains Tina Doyle, a decorator with Décor and You. "Will it look right? Will it be functional? This process tore my house apart and I just wanted it all to look right. It was so rewarding to see it all come together."

- **What made this project unique:** In preparation for her ill-fated role as her own contractor, Tina had purchased all of her own supplies, including the green onyx marble and coordinating wood. After her initial tile installers destroyed the tile, she was left with a mass of supplies that were still usable. Terranova was able to work with what she'd originally chosen and made it fit "like a puzzle," she explains. "They really started from the ground up," she says.

