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two stress-free bathroom renos

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STEPHANIE'S 3 WAYS TO REINVENT A SPACE

- 1 Reframe art.** Sometimes getting a cohesive, refreshed look is not about changing the art and paintings you own, but rather the frames that they're in. Ask your local framing gallery to help you pick appropriate frames for a vignette.
 - 2 Rethink your layout.** Here, inspired by her love of British design and a desire for more living space, Stephanie opted for a basement kitchen.
 - 3 Rejig the furniture.** Add a stainless steel top to a hefty vintage table for an islandlike work/dining space in the kitchen. Or modernize a sofa by having it reupholstered "tight," meaning without any removable cushions.
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A devotee of U.K. decor magazines, Stephanie had recently become enamoured of the *Upstairs, Downstairs* idea of having a kitchen in the basement, with the floors above dedicated to entertaining and sleeping quarters. Endowed with tall, slim lines, the three-storey home already had an English sensibility. And although it appears from the front that the house has only two storeys, the basement level, once a separate apartment, came equipped with a working kitchen and a walkout to the backyard. →

TRUE BLUE "My husband has had the two blue chairs forever. They're upholstered in mohair and came from an office in Montreal during the '80s. I just added pillows," says Stephanie, referring to the hand-blocked Peter Dunham linen cushions. Accented with a Madeline Weinrib cotton dhurrie rug and a Mies van der Rohe coffee table, the living area has a relaxed feel.

WORK OUT A subtle maple column hides the electrical panel in the basement-level home office. An Ilse Crawford lamp, Eames chair and custom desk complete the workspace.

COLOUR WONDER Once brown with loose, chunky cushions, the sofa was reupholstered with a "tight" seat and back. Bright patterned pillows imported from Istanbul are from the boutique Snob, which is in the same building as Stephanie's studio. The coffee table is from midcentury modern furniture store Zigzag.

