

Dormer Duties

function lesson

Dormer Additions

Shed-style dormers, as shown on the upper level of the home exterior, below, and discussed on page 18, require changes to a roof's structural supports, but they can extend as long as a room and add affordable square footage to a home with a steep roof, like this one.

Adding large shed-style dormers to the front of this Cape Cod-style home makes the home more appealing outside and more comfortable inside. The 7x4-foot bath addition was part of a whole-home makeover that took eight months to complete, but owners Natalie and Hank Harder say it was well worth the wait. The resodded bath puts every inch of space to work and, Natalie says, serves as a tranquil adult retreat. "The kids don't use it often, so it's clean and quiet and provides a great escape after a busy day," she says.

The right dormer is home to the pampering bath, complete with a new whirlpool tub and a pair of pedestal sinks. For added luxury, the tub is equipped with both a hand-held shower and traditional tub filler. The 7-foot-wide dormer addition provides enough square footage for back-to-back pedestal sinks and opens up existing square footage for a dresser.

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Vertical marble tile on the tub surround and floor, this page, makes this new bath feel luxurious while complementing the home's vintage Cape Cod styling. Located over a new front porch, opposite the master bathroom, with its dormer addition, it was large enough for a whirlpool tub and pedestal sink.

