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UNIVERSAL DESIGN/ AGING IN PLACE

*Bonnie Lewis, Allied ASID,
55+ TLC Interior Design LLC*

In just six weeks, Bonnie Lewis created an attractive wheelchair-accessible living space within a client's home for an elderly male relative with Alzheimer's disease. To accomplish this, she redesigned two bedrooms and a narrow Jack and Jill bath, converting the existing space into a private suite containing a living room, bedroom and bathroom. A curbless shower with a bench, support bars and handheld shower head allows for easy access, maneuverability and independent or assisted showering. Also included are a custom wheelchair-accessible vanity and floor-to-ceiling linen closet. Such universal design elements as wide doorways and slip-resistant hard-surface flooring provide safe, easy movement for the resident and caregivers alike. In addition, contrasting colors, good lighting and a memory wall offer dementia support.



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FIXTURES

*Debra May Himes, ASID,
Debra May Himes Interior
Design & Associates*

The powder room, perhaps more than any other room in a house, is where a designer is often given free rein to be creative. This one, designed by Debra May Himes, is no exception, and the vanity cabinet is the star of the show. Fashioned from bars and rods of various metals, woods and finishes, each with its own distinct personality, the fixture boasts a granite countertop crowned with a custom glass vessel sink. Both the countertop and the cabinet, which is set against a wall clad in slate punctuated with glass, stone and metal tiles, are underlit to emphasize their undulating shape. Himes included a swinging door in the design of the cabinet in order to provide access to the plumbing for maintenance purposes. Finishing the space is a custom free-form mirror designed to reflect various elements in the room.

