



## Clean & Simple

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The common shower is a 4 foot by 5 foot area, that is 3 feet deep. Generally the product applied to walls is acrylic but occasionally some ceramic tile is used. Typically, one shower head is installed, however, two shower heads are becoming more common and won't break your budget to install.

"A popular option is to add a second shower head, which can be done without adding substantial cost."

– Jakki Brunn with Kaerek Homes, Inc.

## Balanced Mainstream

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In a semi-custom shower, the size is usually the same as the standard one above, but you might find personalized upgrades such as ceramic tile applied to walls and ceilings. Many times the floor still remains a fiberglass material that is easy for cleaning. In your typical semi-custom shower, there is generally a two shower head minimum. Body sprays, rain heads, and steam generators are becoming more popular in this category. "One thing to consider when working out your shower design, is the water pressure. You need to consider the amount of pressure required for the additional water valves and sprays desired," said Jakki Brunn with Kaerek Homes, Inc.

## Custom Design

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Why limit yourself, when options like a large unique-shaped walk-in shower with body sprays and multiple shower heads, or hand held shower heads – even overhead rain showers, are all available to enhance your experience. Most of these showers are so custom that they require the use of ceramic/stone tile and mud set pans. You will also find ceilings that are tiled to coordinate with materials used on walls and on the floors. Two person showers with separate entries and custom controls for each user are also popular choices for custom showers.

# SHOWERS

## What's Your Kind Of Clean?

by Heidi Brock

**A**t the end of the day, when you close your eyes and try to escape the chaos of your daily life, you may long for the sensation of stress washing away from your body. With today's showers, that sensation is merely a step away.

Depending on your budget, there are different levels of showers and they each seem to define themselves in many ways, such as the materials used, and also how the actual area is constructed and will be used. "Designing a showering area is a personal thing. Each homeowner has his or her own ideas. Many times the design is directly related to the amount of space or a unique space that is in a bathroom," says John Stoker, of Victory Homes of Wisconsin, Inc.

Make sure you talk to a professional about the type of shower you are imagining. They can help examine the space needed and show you which shower options are available within your budget. These professionals also know that to enjoy many of these extras you must have proper water pressure, water temperature, and drainage to make the most of your shower experience.

Kristine Schwalenberg of Hickory Hill Homes, Jakki Brunn of Kaerek Homes and John Stoker of Victory Homes of Wisconsin, Inc. shared their expertise for this article.

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