

Rotating shower door

Lake Ontario residence

A napkin, a ceramic vase and some out-of-the-box thinking proved essential ingredients to the circular, duel-entry shower door in a Lake Ontario-front home from Shower Designs, part of Frontier Glass in East Rochester, N.Y., says

Ken Sheedy, co-owner of Frontier and project designer.

"[The owner] wanted to have two ways to enter and exit the shower because of the duel shower heads," Sheedy says. "It started on a napkin with her shaking her head in opposition of each thought."



The final, agreed-upon design reflected old round-top, center-pivoted windows and was inspired by a large ceramic vase that resided next to the shower, he says. The door can revolve fully, allow simultaneous entry and exit.

"On the napkin [the design] went, and [the owner] looked at me and asked, 'Can you do this?'" Sheedy says. "When you always think outside the box, circles come naturally."

Sheedy says Shower Designs teamed up with numerous companies including C.R. Laurence of Los Angeles, whose technicians helped finish the engineering aspects of the atypical door. Guardian Industries Corp. of Auburn Hills, Mich., offered its shower-glass product DiamondGuard to apply to 3/8-inch low-iron glass. Glass & Mirror Craft of Wixom, Mich., fabricated the glass.

At its largest points, the shower door measures 67 inches wide and 87 inches tall. The total cost of the project is undisclosed.

Construction of the Rochester, N.Y., residence's shower started in October 2004 and ended in January.

"We are fortunate to have a customer that would let us be creative," Sheedy says. "Wait until you see what comes next." **E**

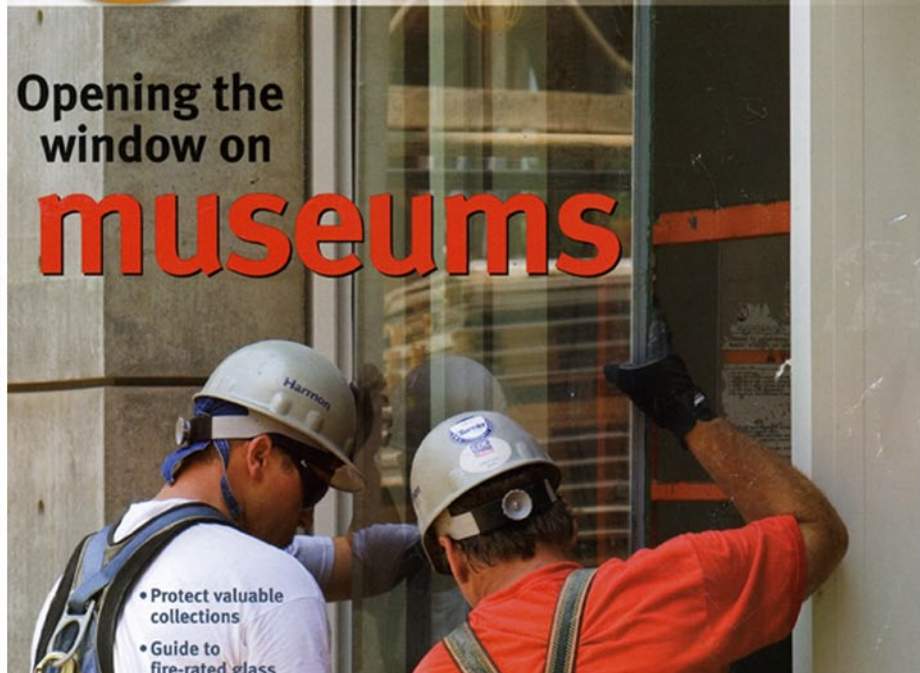
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