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Rip out the 1980s vanity as part of an entire master bathroom remodel.



My house has ugly bathroom vanities that I think must have even been ugly back in 1988 when they built the house. The doors have spring-loaded hinges that slam shut. The drawers have no handles, so they get dirty. The cabinet is chipboard and laminate, really shabby looking. I do love that the sink and counter-top are integrated. It makes it easy to clean. Another great feature is that the

back-splash is also integrated, there is no joint, just a nice radius, so that is easy to clean as well. I thought about putting new doors and handles and hinges on this cabinet, and I just can't have a pink countertop and ride a Harley, so that would have to go as well. All in all, the thing has to go. It took a couple hours to rip it apart. Pro-tip, no need to carbide-cut the top, just whack it with a hammer and it breaks.



Be sure to hammer flat any nails or staples. You will be the person stuck by them.



I saved the towel holder, and the plate for the high-flow shower valve. I is worth money.



A drill to remove the doors and a hammer to break apart the drawers.



Sure I wear safety glasses, but also hearing muff so the pounding doesn't give tinnitus.



Stacked and ready for the dump.



Be sure to turn off the water.



The inside the drains were pretty grody. There were 20 Q-tips in one trap.



I popped the water pipes loose, and removed the drain. Pipes will come up with faucet.



A Crescent wrench gets the water lines loose.



The faucets are held with big washers and a nut.



Channellock pliers get the big nuts off the drain popes. These only need to be hand-tightened if installed properly..



Nut-drivers worked perfectly to get them out.



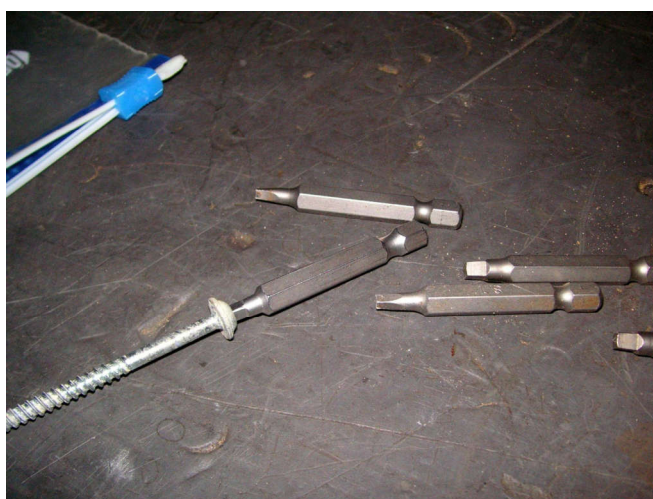
Here is the faucet, yes I am saving it, since it is an old high-flow type. I plan to run some tests.

I see pictures of the flow coming out of the modern government mandated 1.2 gal/minute faucets and I could spit more flow. There are 2.2 gal.min faucets available, but you have to seek them out, So I will hook these up to a supply as well as the new 2.2 GPM faucets to see how the flow rates compare.

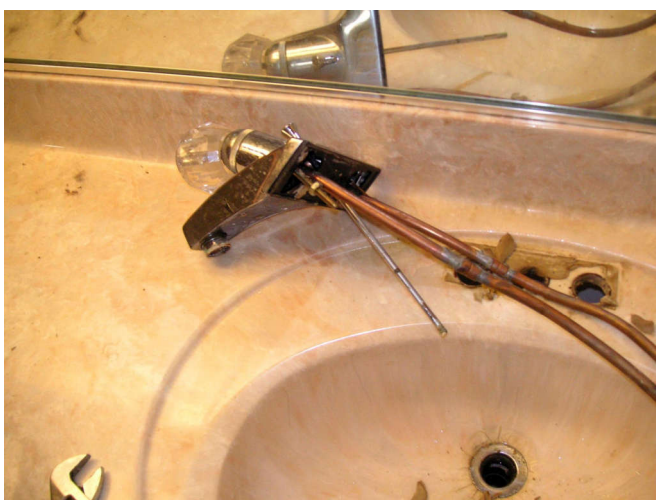
Moen sells a utility sink faucet I have, that flows like Niagara Falls. It is the 8277 commercial M-DURA 4-Inch centerset utility faucet model. Too bad it won't fit the 8-inch centers on my new vanity.



The old Delta faucet does not have fittings. It has 8" copper pigtails you solder to.



After buzzing my Philips drill, I realized the vanity was held in with square-head screws..



Remember to disconnect the drain rod before trying to pull the faucet out.



The installed drilled at an angle so I needed a universal to get the proper angle on the screw.



You know how you hate laying on this sharp edge as you work under sink?



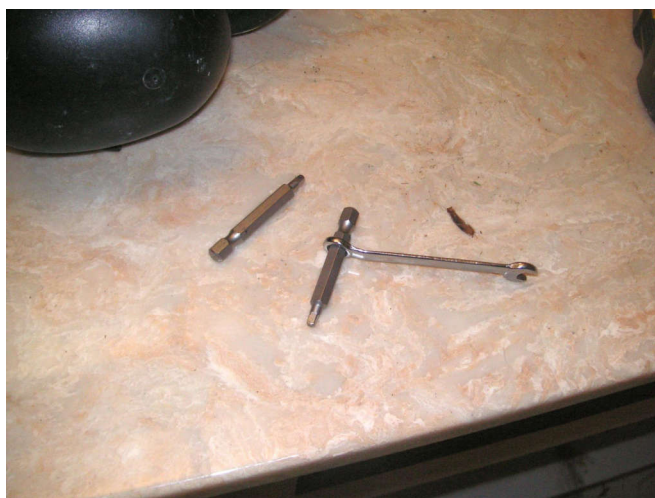
Imagine the joy of knocking them off with a hammer. Ahhhh, comfort.



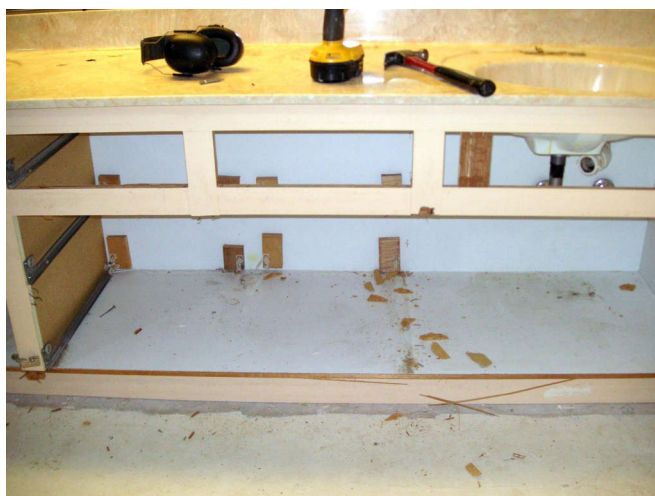
I should have busted this middle piece out.



You can see the screws that are at an angle, put in before the top was on. I should have broken the top out and then gotten to the screws. It was easy-- a few hammer whacks broke it up.



One screw needed an ignition wrench setup.



I got wise and busted out the uprights.



To take down the huge mirror, I have to remove the medicine cabinet. It will be replaced by two cabinet mirrors over the sinks.



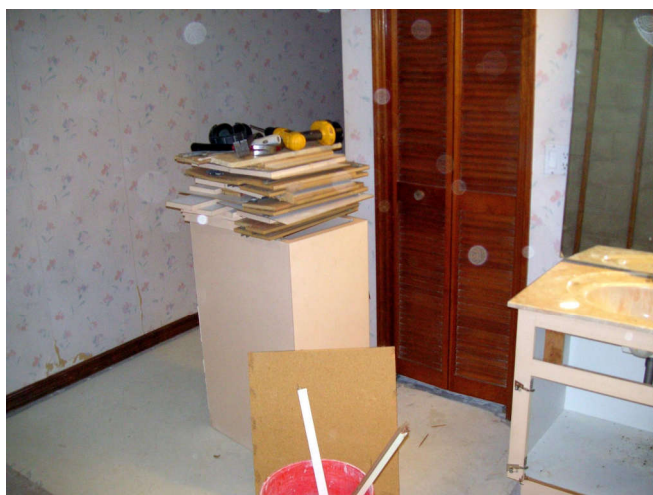
It's on an exterior wall-- they hacked the cinder blocks to get the medicine cabinet to fit. Hacks.



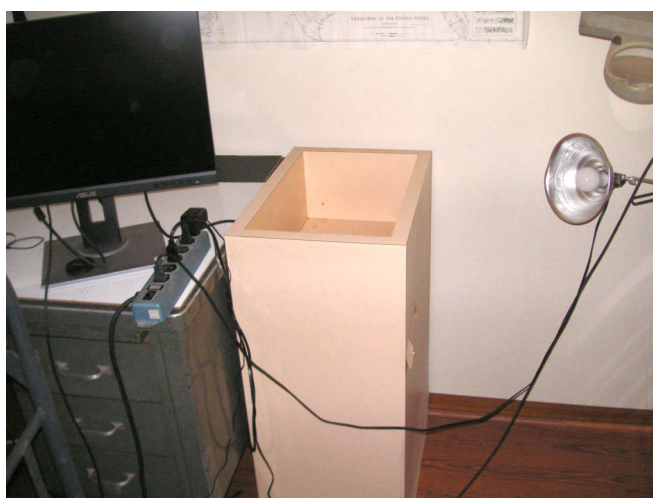
I gently pry on the mirror.



It came off the wall in one piece. I wore gloves, safety glasses, and a full face mask.



The pile for the scrapyard is getting bigger. That bottom monolith was next to the toilet.



It was well-made and only mounted the toilet paper roller. It gets re purposed in the studio.



It's always a good time to clean up, especially before dragging that heavy mirror. A broom was the first tool by dad taught me to use.



It was too heavy to lift, so I flopped it down onto a quilt that I could slide around easily.



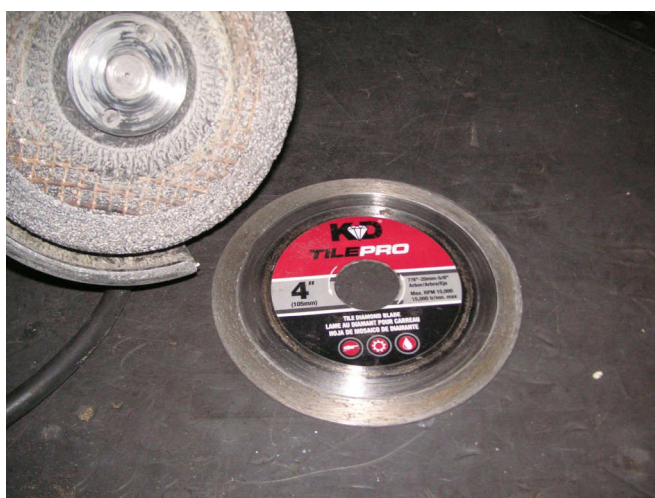
Some kind of spot-tar in old old wallpaper.



The metal trim on the bottom fell off.



I dragged the mirror into the bedroom, not sure if I will keep it or not.



I got out the diamond cut-off wheel to cut up the faux- stone top. I think is is cement.



Safety glasses, earmuffs, and a respirator, with some water to try and keep the dust down.



Progress is good, and I can tear out the cabinet and break it up to pieces.



A hammer broke the counter-top in half with one whack. The grinding a slot was a waste.



The cold water pipe is a little sketchy.



Breaking it into three sections was perfect, now staged in the garage for a dump run tomorrow.



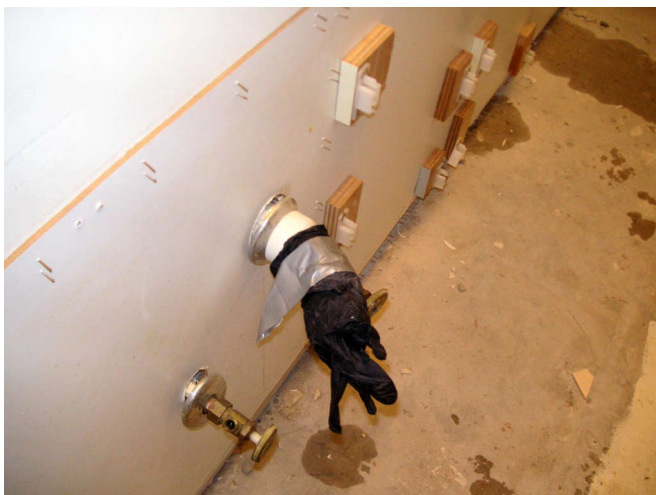
The vanity would not move on one side. This baseboard was keeping it from moving.



Duh, the pipes constrain the vanity. I just busted out the back panel and pulled the frame out.



The vanity takes up very little space when broken into pieces.



A nitrile glove seals off the sewer line.



A box-cutter scored the back enough to rip it off the pipes.



With the frame broken up, the thin paperboard back was all that remained.



The original painted drywall shines through.



The sinks and panels fit in the back of my Buick. The pallets are what the new 96-inch vanity came on.



The wood strip had a factory edge and a cut edge. I marked it so I would use the right edge.



The countertop had integral sinks, nice.



The small pieces fit into the garbage.



The passenger seat gets a bag full of Styrofoam from the new vanity.



The new vanity cost 2600 bucks on an Overstock.com promo. It is staged in the master bedroom, ready to go. Search Milano 96-inch.