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## Third bathroom light

Replacing a buzzy flickering florescent light with a bright white LED 4-foot fixture.



My house was built around 1986, when soffits for the baths and kitchens were all the rage. The bathroom soffits hold 4-foot florescent fixtures. Some were flickering, some were buzzing, the master bath lamp was doing both. Rather than try to put in new bulbs, new starters, or new ballasts, I took the opportunity to replace the whole fixture with ultra-bright daylight color temperature LED lamps.

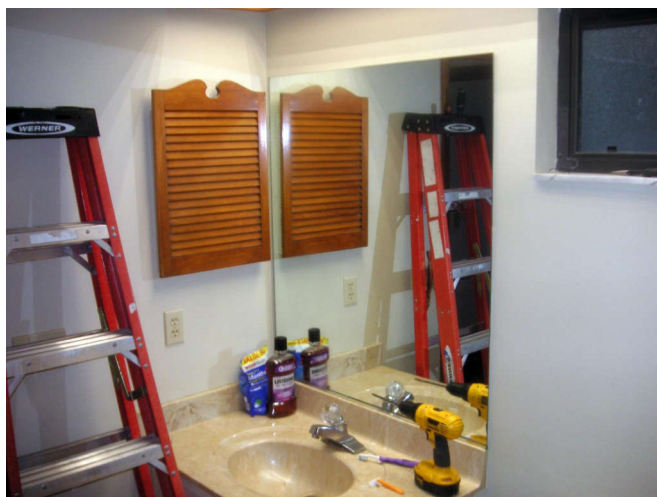
It is a stop-gap measure. The neighbor tipped me off on how much bigger the bathrooms look when you rip out the soffit. I plan to do that as I remodel the bathrooms. In the meantime I like of lot of bright quiet lights in the bathrooms, and these fit the bill well. When it is time to rip them out, I can put them in the garage, where it's always good to have more light.



These are the 4-foot replacement fixtures I am using in the bathrooms, the utility room, and the garage, as well as a walk-in closet.



More details from the lamp box.



The light is even and very bright. It makes using the bath a pleasure.



Here is the lamp with the plastic diffuser installed.



It was a good opportunity to make sure there were GFI outlets. I use white plates to show that they have been replaced.



Two lights and a fan switch, the old stuff.



Here is the new switches and cover plate. Lowes sells switches without a surround bezel around the lever. Home Depot sells these switches, that do have the little bezel around the lever that sticks through the holes in the plate. I am not yet sure which I like better. The switches without bezels have a wider lever, which is nice.



Here is a shot of one of the old lights that was in the utility room. Mismatched color temperature was the least of the problems. The lamps also flickered and might not turn on every time.

It was nice to buy a fixture or two every time I was at Home Depot and methodically replace the lamps in the house. I never bothered with the master bath, since that is getting remodeled first.