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Bathroom Renovation Toolkit



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Your new bathroom starts here...

Plan right to make sure it ends up AMAZING!

The 4 step bathroom plan:

1

Your space

Start by considering the size and arrangement of your current bathroom. Is the space workable and just needs an update of fixtures and fittings, or are you considering revising your layout? Are you planning on moving (or removing) any structural components such as walls, doors or windows?

Design Tip ....if you have a small bathroom, consider lighter colors and reflective finishes to help create a sense of space.

2

Your style

The style you choose for your fixtures and finishes will play a big role in the overall look and feel of your bathroom and will be a reflection of its designer (you!), the space, and your home. Consider the existing style of your home, and whether you want to match or contrast with it. If you're unsure where to start, put together a mood board or a pinterest of any inspiring bathrooms or bathroom components you have seen, and you will quickly start to see your own style emerge.

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The 4 step bathroom plan:

3

Your needs

Right from the start it s important to make sure you define 'why' you are renovating your bathroom... what does your new bathroom need to do for you and your family? Who will be using the space? Do you need multiple sinks, a larger (or smaller) shower, a bath (or no bath at all), more storage? The list of possibilities could be endless, but by thinking about your needs ahead of time, you can ensure that your renovation project addresses any pain points and provides a functional as well as beautiful space. Remember, a well designed bathroom adds value to your home, so considerIs this a cheap solution or is this a space that will add value to you

4

Your layout

Laying out your new bathroom brings together all the thought that you've put into your renovation in a way that brings it one step closer to reality. Your layout should include:

- Locations of all new bathroom fixtures (and notes about whether they are different to original fixtures)
- Locations of any structural features (eg. Wall niches, tiled shelves, dropped ceilings)
- Locations of windows and doors in your bathroom
- Locations of electrical points, lights and switches
- Tile heights and feature walls (where applicable)
- Positions and heights of fittings (taps, towel rails, toilet roll holders etc)

Get started right now on the next page!

Design Tip

"Circulation space" is a design term that defines what distance is needed between objects for them to be accessible to the people using them. If you are changing the layout of your bathroom be sure to consider circulation space, and if in doubt ask us for advice!

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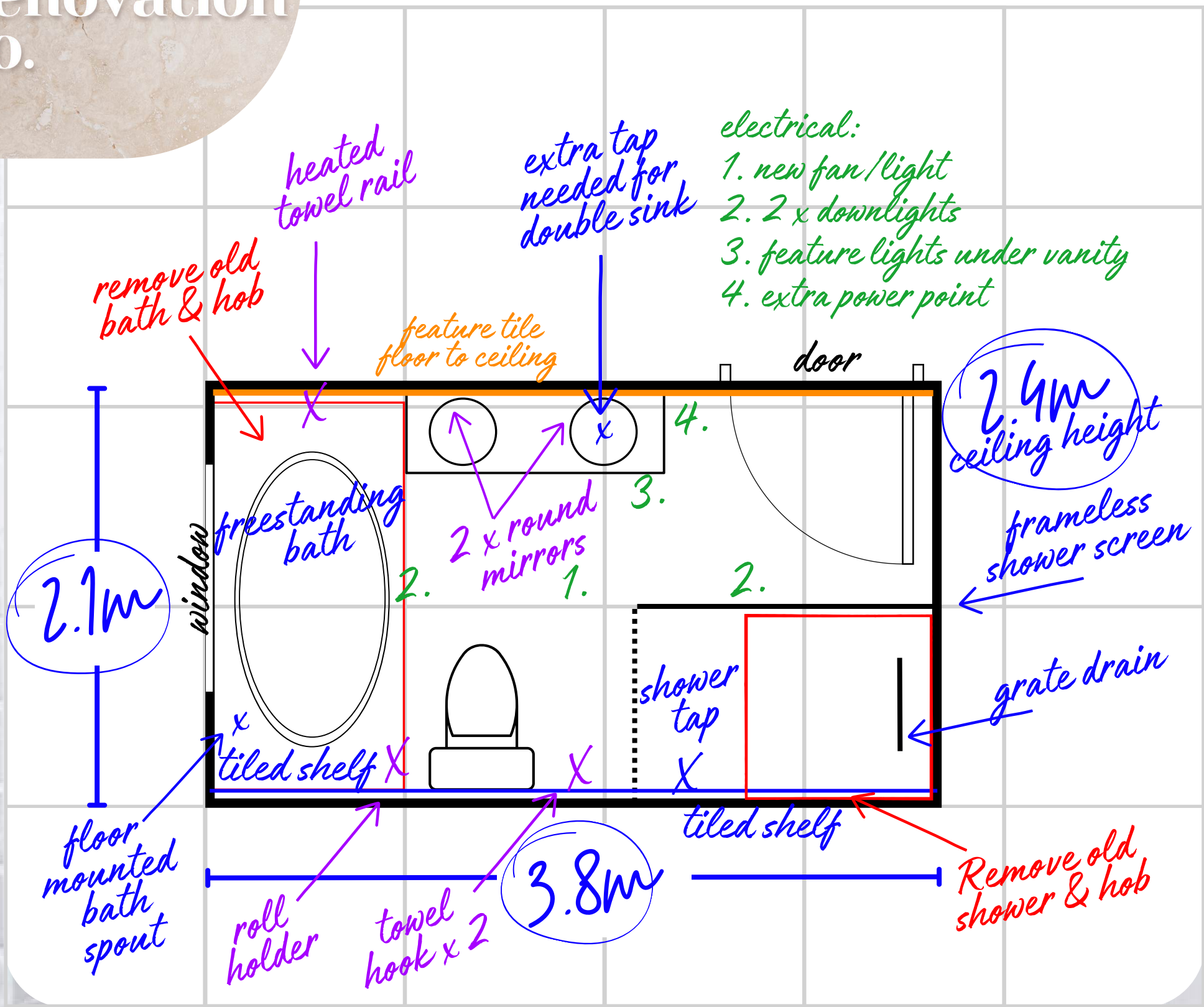
Bathroom Layout Guide

Use our example below as a guide for in filling out your own bathroom layout on the next page



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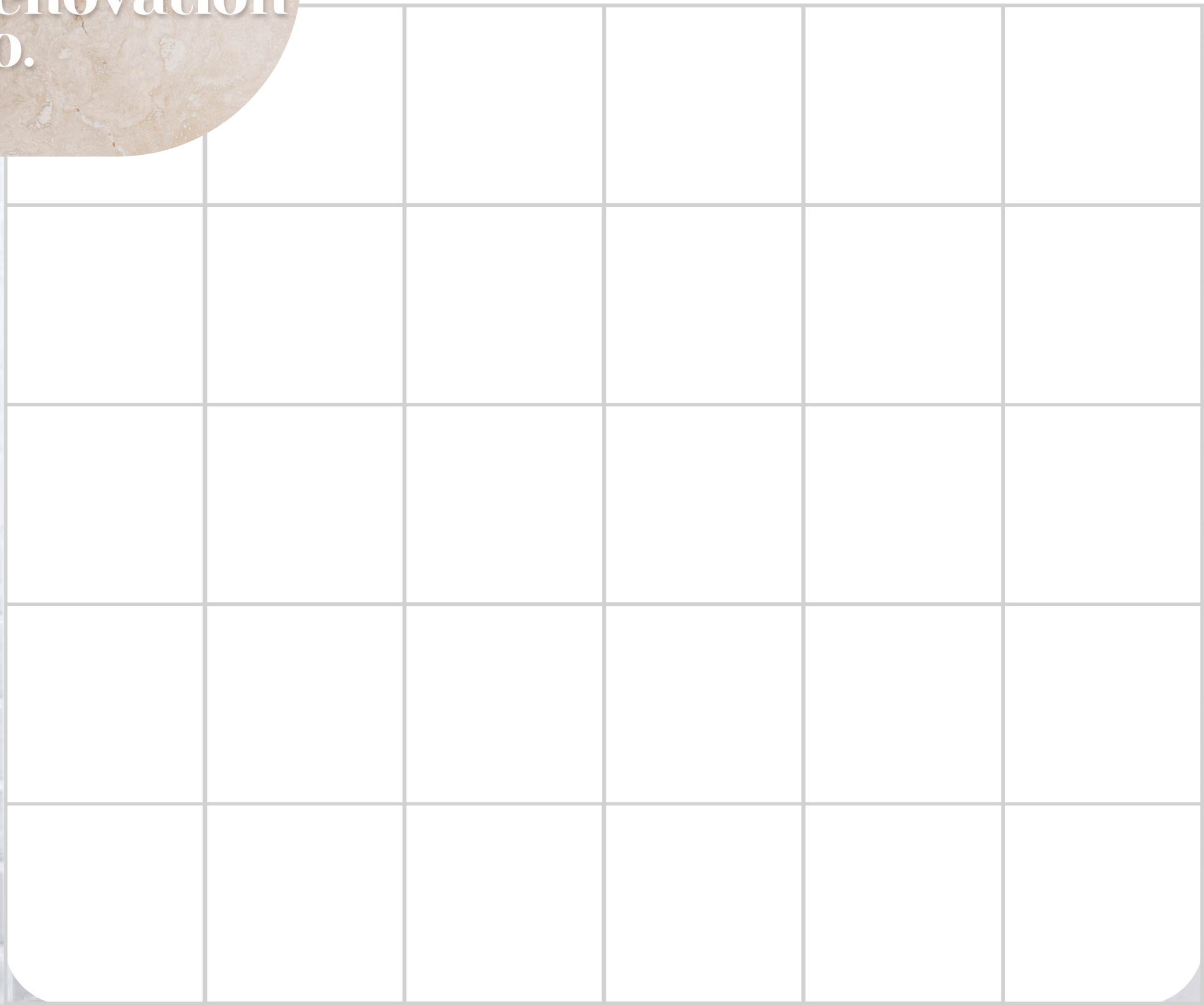
Your Bathroom Layout

Go ahead and plan your bathroom... if you get stuck give us a call anytime, we're always happy to help!



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Your Fixtures Checklist

Use our fixtures guide on the following pages to complete the check-list below:

Room specifications:

Length: _____ Width: _____ Ceiling height: _____

☐ **Vanity** Length: _____ ☐ Double Vanity ☐ Wall mounted Powered? ☐

☐ **Mirror** No. _____ Size: _____ Shape: _____ Powered? ☐

☐ **Shower** Dimensions: _____ No. outlets: _____

Shower screen details: _____

☐ **Toilet** Model: _____ ☐ In-wall cistern ☐ Wall mounted

☐ **Tiles** Wall type: _____ Laying pattern: _____

Floor type: _____ Laying pattern: _____

☐ Feature tile location: _____ ☐ Undertile heating Powered? ☐

☐ **Fittings** ☐ Roll holder ☐ Tapware ☐ Floor wastes ☐ Towel rails, rings, hooks Powered? ☐

☐ **Structural** Describe any structural work:

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Vanity, top & basin

The vanity serves a dual function; it's a practical space for personal hygiene and storage, as well as a decorative element to the bathroom's overall design. Give some thought to:

? Single or double bowl

How much space do you have and how many people may use the bathroom at the same time?

? Wall or floor mounted, freestanding

Be aware that if you replace an old floor mounted vanity with a new wall mounted or freestanding unit, you will need to decide whether the waste plumbing will be visible under the new vanity or whether you relocate it inside the wall.

? Power provision

If your vanity incorporates lighting or in-vanity power points ensure you include electrical connection in your layout.

Design Tip

Shaving cabinets and/or integrated shelves are a great way to incorporate extra functionality into your new bathroom. Plan ahead to have them 'recessed' into the wall for the ideal finish.

Mirror ideas

? Rectangular, round or oval

? Integrated, backlit, anti-fog

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Bathtub

? Freestanding, back to wall, inset in hob

A bathtub is both a luxury and a statement, but make sure design is balanced with practicality... eg. a back to wall bath can give the look of a freestanding bath but is easier to clean behind!

? Floor or wall mounted bath spout

Decide on the style and position of your bath spout early to ensure your layout is set up correctly.

? Spa bath

Spa baths are the ultimate bathtub experience, but require very specialised installation. Consult a specialist early if you are considering a spa bath.

Design Tip Ensure the bath you choose will physically fit through the door of your bathroom to avoid structural modifications during installation.

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Toilets

Selecting the right type of toilet is important for ensuring space functionality, style, and comfort.

Back to wall, close coupled

The 'standard' cost effective toilet option.

Concealed cistern, floor or wall mounted

A concealed cistern (installed within the wall) allows for a sleek modern look, with pans able to be floor or wall mounted. If wall mounted, the old floor waste will need to be relocated into the wall.

Design Tip ...toilets should never be located opposite an opening door if it can be avoided to ensure privacy and comfort.

Smart toilets & bidet kits

Extra electrical and specialised plumbing points are required for smart toilets and handheld bidet spray kits.

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Showers & wetrooms

Unlike other bathroom items, showers aren't so much a 'fixture' as a defined space. Large showers and wet rooms (where the shower area incorporates a more significant part of the bathroom space) involve more waterproofing considerations and careful placement of power points.

? Shower heads & rails

Shower heads can be wall or ceiling mounted, with single or multiple spouts, handheld sets on rails or a combination of all off these. Choose your shower head/s early to ensure they will work with your plumbing allowances. If the tap for your shower head is separate, mark it on your layout.

? Shower screens

Glass shower screens can be framed or frameless and can be custom made to almost any size or shape. Consider whether you will have a door to enclose your shower. Shower areas can also be defined by full height or mid height walls instead of glass screens.

Design Tip An enclosed shower with a door is most space efficient in a small bathroom. Never design a shower smaller than 900mm square.

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Tiles

Tiles are an essential feature of your bathroom, and they can be both a canvas against which all your other design choices stand out, or a feature in and of themselves.

Floor & wall tiles

Floor tiles are usually different to wall tiles in size, texture and colour. Choose tiles no larger than 300x600mm for falls to ensure your tiler can fall them towards your for wastes. Choose larger tiles for walls and decide on your tile heights - whether skirting tiles only, mid height or floor to ceiling (or different heights on different walls).

Tile material & tile grout

Tiles can range from clay ceramic, laser cut porcelain, glass or natural stone such as granite or sandstone, each with their own laying methods and requirements. Grout fills the gaps between your tiles, be sure to choose a grout that complements your tile choice.

Feature tiles

Choosing a special tile such as a mosaic, or laying tiles in a different pattern or colour on a chosen wall will draw attention to that wall, making a feature of it.

Design Tip

As feature walls will draw attention to themselves place them either behind the bathtub or the vanity to highlight the luxury of your space. If you have a small bathroom, then sometimes a feature tile within a shampoo niche is enough to add style without being overpowering.

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Fittings

Don't forget to coordinate the little details as well!

- **Towel rails, hooks & rings**
  Allow power connection for heated rails
- **Toilet roll holder**
- **Tapware & basin plugs**
- **Floor wastes**

Electrical

Include the following on your layout:

- **Lighting**
  Downlights, feature lighting or light/fan/heat units
- **Extra powerpoints**
  Locate at least 150mm away from sinks/taps
- **Undertile heating**
  Undertile heating is not only a bathroom luxury, its a very efficient way to warm a space.
- **Powered fixtures**
  Finally, don't forget to make allowances for electrical connection to powered vanities or mirrors, heated towel rails and smart toilets.

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Structural Elements

Wall features

As space allows, consider using wall niches, wall shelves, in-shower steps, tiled nib walls (full height or half height) or bath plinths to add feature, articulation and individuality to your bathroom.

Ceiling features

If you have selected floor to ceiling tiles, decide whether you will install cornice or whether the tile/ceiling junction will be square set.
Skylights are also a trending ceiling feature in bathroom renovations where they can be accommodated.

Feature windows

The addition, relocation or enlargement of a window in a bathroom can dramatically alter the feel and style of your bathroom.

Structural renovation

In some cases, a bathroom renovation may incorporate wall and door position changes which will impact the rooms surrounding the bathroom. Be sure to plan these works carefully with a designer and licensed builder before including them in your layout.



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Thank you for using our toolkit, any questions or enquires please don't hesitate to contact us.



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