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BATHROOM

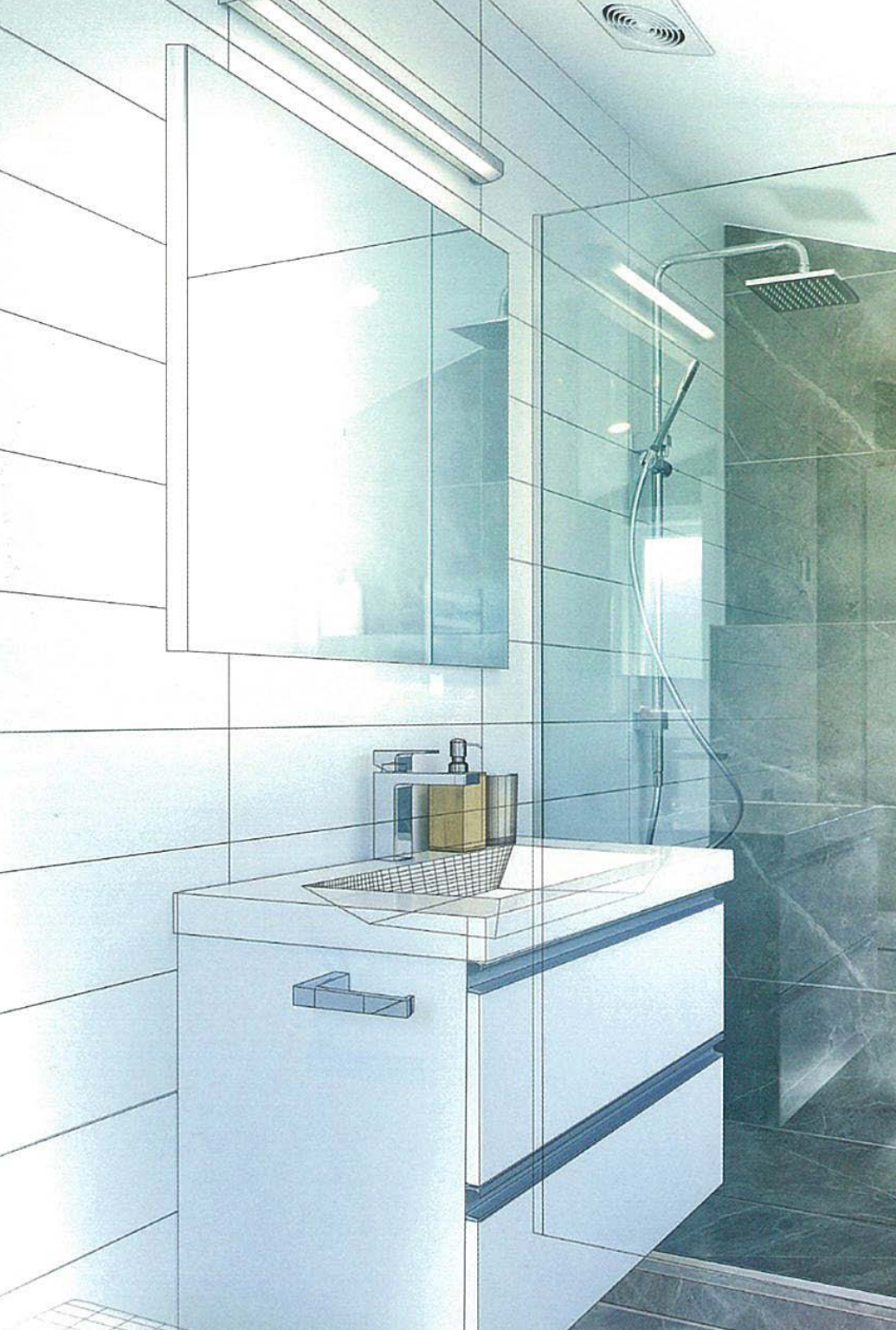
IDEAS GUIDE

IMPORTANT FIRST STEPS

DO YOUR HOMEWORK FIRST

This is an important step as it will set the foundation for everything else.

Find out what water pressure you have and if it is unequal or low pressure, consider upgrading to equal mains pressure and factor this into your budget.



PLAN IT OUT

IF YOU ARE RENOVATING AND RETAINING THE SAME TOILET POSITION YOU NEED TO KNOW YOUR SET OUT - THIS IS THE DISTANCE FROM THE CENTRE OF A TOILET WASTE THAT GOES INTO THE FLOOR TO THE WALL.

A close-up photograph of a black calculator and a black pen resting on a notebook. The calculator's LCD screen displays the number 15922. The notebook is covered in handwritten mathematical calculations in blue ink. Some calculations include long division, addition, and subtraction. The text 'SET A REALISTIC BUDGET' is overlaid in large, bold, orange capital letters. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the calculator and the text.

SET A REALISTIC BUDGET

RESEARCH

THE COST OF FIXTURES AND
FITTINGS AND BE AWARE THAT
UP TO TWO THIRDS OF YOUR
BUDGET WILL BE IN LABOUR
AND MATERIALS.

BUDGET

THINK

If your budget is small then you may need to think laterally to achieve the result you desire with the budget you have.

COMPROMISE

There are always ways in which to create a fabulous space on a limited budget – you just need to know how!

INVEST

Invest in quality tapware and fittings to ensure the longevity of your bathroom.



CREATE AN IDEAS FILE

WHETHER THIS IS ONLINE VIA WEBSITES SUCH AS HOUZZ OR PINTEREST, OR CUTTING PICTURES FROM MAGAZINES, THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO BUILD A CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT YOU ARE DRAWN TO

DON'T LIMIT YOUR IDEAS FILE TO BATHROOM IMAGES ONLY - ADD ART, COLOURS, OTHER INTERIORS OR EVEN EXTERIORS; ANYTHING THAT TAKES YOUR FANCY

ASK YOURSELF A FEW KEY QUESTIONS

**DEFINE THE
FUNCTION**

WHO WILL BE USING YOUR BATHROOM?

Is it for the whole family or just for you and your partner?

Is it the children's bathroom or for elderly guests or family members?

How many people need to use the bathroom at the same time?

Is a bath obsolete or an absolute must-have?

Do you need to have a toilet in the bathroom or in a separate room?

**PLAN,
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DETERMINE THE BEST LAYOUT

And most appropriate products is the next key step to creating the perfect bathroom for your needs.

Planning a layout that allows plenty of space to move around, avoids difficult to clean areas and 'dead' spaces and maximises the space available is critical to the success of the functionality of your bathroom, and ultimately the aesthetic as well.

CONSIDER LIGHTING

LIGHTING CAN MAKE OR BREAK THE SUCCESS OF YOUR BATHROOM DESIGN SO IT IS VITAL TO GET IT RIGHT.

NATURAL DAYLIGHT IS GREAT IF YOU CAN UTILISE IT BUT AS BATHROOMS ARE OFTEN SPACES WE USE IN THE EARLY MORNINGS AND AT NIGHT. RECESSED CEILING LIGHTS WITH A BROAD ANGLE DELIVER GOOD GENERAL LIGHT TO THE ROOM AND IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO TRY TO POSITION A LIGHT ABOVE FIXTURES SUCH AS THE BATH, TOILET AND SHOWER.



WALL-MOUNTED LIGHT FITTINGS ABOVE OR
EITHER SIDE OF THE MIRROR WILL PROVIDE GOOD
LIGHT BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER CREATIVE
WAYS OF ACHIEVING THIS.

THE LIGHT FANTASTIC

TASK LIGHTING IS A KEY ELEMENT OVER THE
VANITY AND MIRROR AND IDEALLY NEEDS TO
THROW LIGHT OUT HORIZONTALLY TOWARDS THE
FACE AS THIS WILL AVOID SHADOWS.

TASK LIGHTING

Using LED strip lighting behind the mirror and underneath a wall hung vanity can add another element to your design and give a sense of drama to an otherwise simple design.

Putting low lighting on a motion sensor can be a practical solution for night-time visits to the bathroom.



A SENSE OF SPACE

Often bathrooms are not as large as we would like them to be and space in the bathroom is often sacrificed in order to gain more room elsewhere so it is important to maximise the space that is available and to create the illusion of more space through the use of materials, colours and finishes.

CREATE THE ILLUSION

SURFACES

Reflective surfaces such as gloss tiles, glass or mirrors will give the illusion of a larger, airier space

COLOUR

Light colours will help the room seem bigger.

If a moody, intimate and dramatic space is what you have in mind then natural, earthier tones might suit your needs better.

TEXTURE

Timber, stone and a dark colour palette can look fantastic but you will need to make sure your lighting is suitable and up to the task.

HEAT AND EFFICIENT
VENTILATION ARE THE TWO
THINGS THAT WILL HELP TO

HEATING + VENTILATION

ELIMINATE STEAM AND
MOISTURE RETENTION IN YOUR
BATHROOM, WHICH WILL IN
TURN PROLONG THE LIFE OF
YOUR FIXTURES AND FINISHES.



UNDER TILE HEATING

HEATING AND VENTILATION ARE TWO ELEMENTS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED EARLY ON IN THE PLANNING STAGES, ESPECIALLY IF YOU INTEND TO LAY TILES ON THE FLOOR.

TO AVOID THESE BEING COLD UNDERFOOT, UNDER TILE HEATING IS ESSENTIAL, ESPECIALLY IN OUR COLDER CLIMATE. THIS IS AN EFFICIENT WAY TO PROVIDE A GENTLE AMBIENT HEAT TO THE BATHROOM, ESPECIALLY IF A TIMER IS INSTALLED.



CONSIDER **VENTILATION**

Showers also need adequate ventilation and air movement to ensure they can dry out and not become damp breeding grounds for bacteria, mould and mildew. Adding a demister pad behind the mirror is also a good idea but bear in mind these are not possible on mirror cabinet doors.



INJECT PERSONALITY

Bathrooms do not need to be clinical white spaces devoid of personality and fun.

Have some fun and add artwork to introduce changeable pattern and colour, lighting features such as a chandelier for a bit of whimsy and drama or perhaps powder-coated pressed tin panels for a different wall feature to help add some texture.

HIRE HELP

EXPERTISE + KNOWLEDGE

Using an experienced bathroom designer is an investment that is well worth every penny.

Using their extensive knowledge and expertise to provide the best possible layout and product options can result in a bathroom that is not only practical and functional, but fits your design brief, exceeds your expectations and will save you valuable time and money.

DRESS THE ROOM UP WITH COLOURFUL
ACCESSORIES, RATHER THAN ADDING
TOO MUCH COLOUR TO THE WALLS.

COLOUR CONFIDENCE

When it comes to accessories, colour can be added in a number of ways. A re-purposed dresser makes the perfect vanity and you can paint it whatever colour you like! Mirror frames and artwork are also great ways to add pops of colour.

If you want to add colour to the walls, look to use soft greens or blues.

TILE HIGHLIGHT

There's no doubt about it, tiles are extremely popular right now. Covering the walls and floor with tiles can leave you with an extremely busy looking bathroom that is quite harsh on the eyes.

Use tiles to highlight a specific feature. Using a vertical strip of tiles behind your vanity and mirror is the perfect way to add some texture and colour to the room.





GO CUSTOM



TALKING POINTS

THE BATHROOM IS GENERALLY A SMALL AND HAS LIMITED STATEMENT PIECES, SO YOU CAN MAKE A LITTLE GO A LONG WAY.

A CUSTOM VANITY IS A GREAT PLACE TO START AND THE OPTIONS ARE ENDLESS.

NOT ONLY DO CUSTOM PIECES PROVIDE A TALKING POINT, THEY CAN ALSO BE RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE.

THE SIMPLER THE BATHROOM,
THE BETTER IT LOOKS.
WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?

QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

A shower, a toilet, a basin, a vanity, a mirror, a towel and toilet roll holder and some tapware. Optional extras are a bath and various accessories. Spend more on the essentials and you will find that not only do you have a beautiful looking bathroom, you also have less maintenance and cleaning to do.

CONSTRUCTION

- # DESIGN

- ## NOTES

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