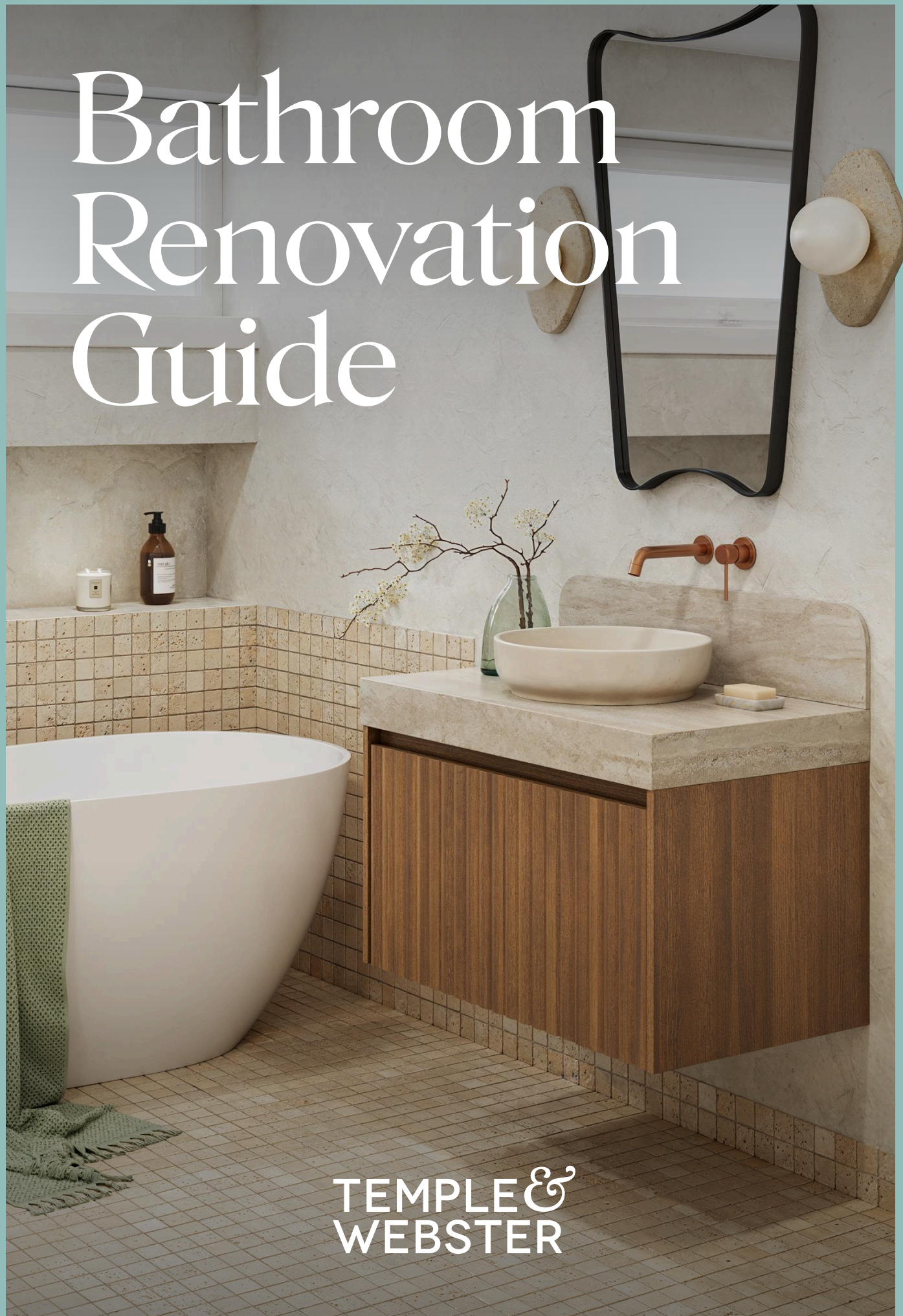


Bathroom Renovation Guide



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A bathroom renovation is more than just a project, it's a chance to transform the way you live every day.

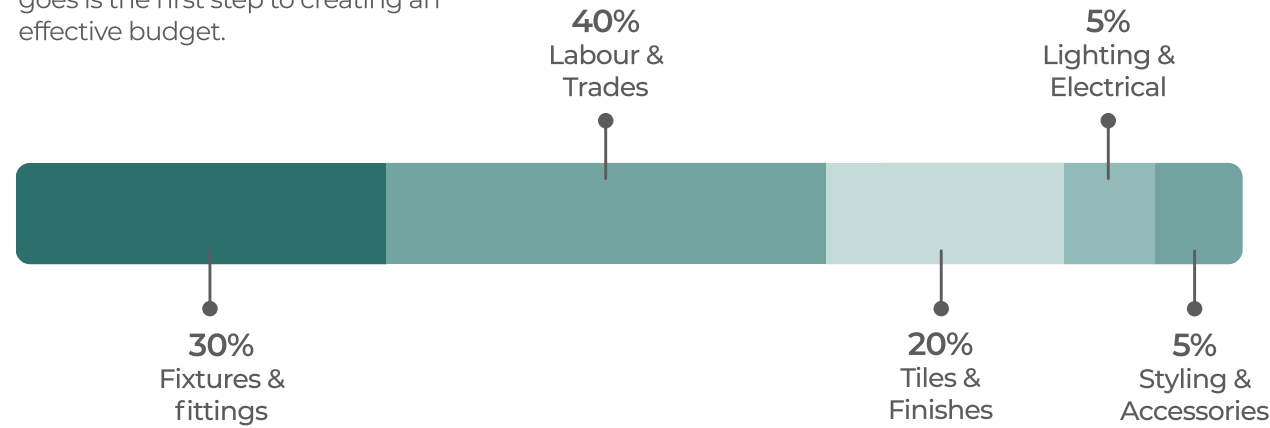
Whether you're updating a small ensuite or creating a statement space, this guide will inspire and support you through every stage to bring your dream bathroom to life.

Project planning

Establishing a clear budget early on allows you to plan effectively, manage costs, and avoid unexpected expenses throughout your renovation.

Cost breakdown

Understanding where your money goes is the first step to creating an effective budget.



Renovations aren't always smooth. To **stick to your budget** we recommend **setting 10% of your allowance aside** for those unexpected expenses.

Ways to save

Save on:

Accessories
Mirrors
Vanities

Splurge on:

Waterproofing
Quality tapware
Good lighting

Cost ranges

Renovation type

Cosmetic Refresh
Mid-Range Upgrade
Premium Renovation

Estimated cost

\$8,000 – \$15,000
\$15,000 – \$35,000
\$35,000 – \$45,000+

Prices can vary depending on size, materials, and custom work.



Moodboarding

Every great bathroom design begins with a clear vision. A moodboard allows you to explore styles, experiment with materials, and refine your palette before making any decisions.



Trades

If your renovation project involves a builder, they will coordinate the trades for you. However, if you're managing your own project and hiring tradespeople independently this is the list for you.



Carpenter

Demolishing an existing bathroom will require a skilled trade as heavy machinery use is required i.e. jackhammer.



Plumber

The plumber needs to disconnect your water prior to demo. The plumber will come back for rough in and fit off.



Electrician

The electrician needs to disconnect your power prior to demo. The electrician will come back for rough in and fit off.



Renderer

Once the tiles are removed from the wall you may require a renderer to come and smooth out the wall if there is a lot of remaining glue.



Waterproofer

A crucial step in any bathroom build, waterproofing creates an invisible barrier that protects your home from moisture damage.



Tiler

A tiler takes care of everything from surface prep to laying your wall and floor tiles with accuracy. Make sure you specify what grout and silicone colour you want.



Joiner

You can choose a ready-made vanity from a bathroom supplier or have a custom piece crafted by a joiner. Additional storage or joinery may also be needed to suit your bathroom layout.



Glazier

Have your glass supplier (or builder) measure the floor fall so the glass follows the slope. The 'fall' is the slight angle that directs water toward the waste.



Plan ahead
Prevent delays by ordering tiles, tapware, and fittings ahead of time to ensure everything arrives on time.

Timeline

01

Planning & Design

Great renovations start with smart planning. Confirm your layout, pick your finishes, and order ahead so everything's ready when your trades are.

02

Permits & Approvals

Depending on your location, you may need council or strata approval, along with compliance documents like waterproofing certification.

03

Demo

With preparations done, your bathroom is stripped back. Tiles, cabinetry, and fittings removed to make way for a fresh new space.

04

Plumbing & Electrical

Behind the walls, plumbing and electrical are reconfigured to suit the new layout and ensure modern fixtures are perfectly placed.

08

Tiling

Tiles are laid with care, setting the tone of your bathroom and adding texture, style, and a polished finish.

07

Painting

Walls and ceilings are painted in your selected palette, brightening the space and unifying the design with a durable, moisture-resistant finish.

06

Waterproofing

A professional waterproofing membrane seals the bathroom, protecting against moisture and ensuring long-term durability in line with Australian standards.

05

Structural Adjustments

If your layout is being reconfigured, this stage covers structural changes such as new walls, flooring bases, or level adjustments for tiling.

09

Plumbing & Electrical Fit-off

Your electrician installs lighting, fans, and other electrical items, while your plumber fits toilets, tapware, showers, and drains.

10

Fixtures & Fittings Install

The space takes shape as vanities, toilets, tapware, and showers are installed. Lighting is the final touch, adding function and ambience.

11

Testing & Final Clean

All plumbing and electrical work is thoroughly tested, with compliance certificates issued where required. The space is then professionally cleaned and ready to be unveiled.

12

Styling

Bring your renovation vision to life with the finishing touches. Add towels, plants, and décor to complete the look.



To help spark ideas for your renovation, we've highlighted some of our most popular bathroom styles. Think of these as inspiration rather than instructions. They act as the perfect starting point as you explore the look, feel, and combinations that suit your home best.

Bathroom Style Inspo



Coastal Calm

Where serenity meets style.

“Bring a sense of seaside calm to your bathroom with fresh tones, natural textures, and softly curved details.”

Opt for curved mirrors, fixtures, or fittings to soften the space and achieve a relaxed, resolved aesthetic. Incorporate terrazzo or stone look flooring for subtle texture and interest while grounding the space.”



Rachel Peters
Interior Designer





Modern Classic

Classic elegance with a modern twist.

“Combine the best of both worlds with a Modern Classic bathroom, where timeless design meets modern functionality.

Pair elegant forms and heritage-inspired details with sleek surfaces and understated finishes for a look that feels fresh yet enduring.”



Rachel Peters
Interior Designer



Colour Pop

Designed to stand out.

“Colour Pop bathrooms are for those who love to make a statement. Pair bold hues and playful patterns with neutral surfaces to keep the space grounded and repeat colours through towels and decor for cohesion.

Clean-lined fixtures and thoughtful layering ensure that colour and pattern enhance the design without compromising comfort.”



Rachel Peters
Interior Designer



Design meets detail

With your style direction in mind, it's now time to explore in-depth the elements that bring your bathroom together. From the perfect bath and shower to tapware, lighting, and accessories, this section will help guide you through each decision.



Tiles

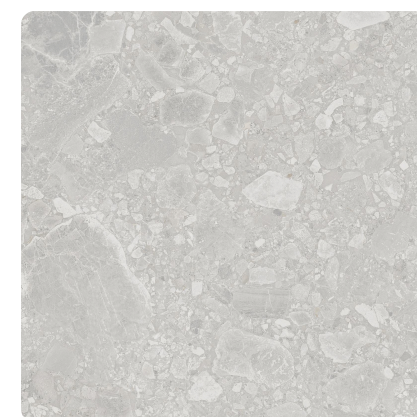
Tile types



● Feature Tiles

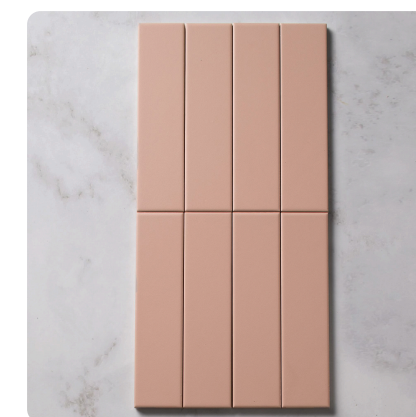
● Wall Tiles

● Floor Tiles



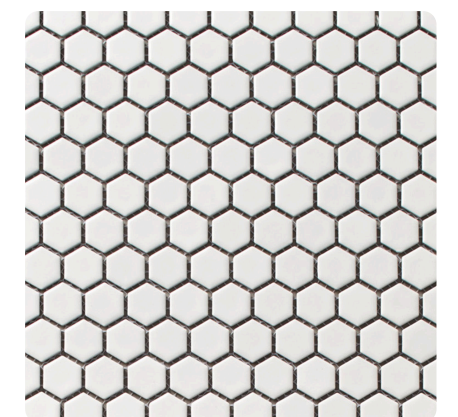
Floor Tiles

Large floor and wall tiles can make your bathroom appear more spacious.



Wall Tiles

Extend your floor tiles up the wall for a cohesive look, or introduce a new texture or colour for visual interest.



Feature Tiles

Feature tiles are a great way to add some colour and flair to your space.

Tile layouts

The way you choose to tile your bathroom can completely transform its look, from sleek and minimal to bold and character-filled.



Half Tile

To add statement and not break budget you can do a half tile. We suggest tiling 1200mm from the floor, except for the shower area which needs to be fully tiled.



Full Tile

Fully tiling every wall creates a seamless, luxurious feel and acts as the perfect backdrop for statement tapware, making the bathroom feel polished and high-end.



Wet Area Tile

Keep costs low by tiling only the shower or other wet zones, while leaving the rest of the walls painted for a fresh, balanced look.



Feature Tile

Feature tiling is a stylish way to add texture, colour, or pattern to your bathroom perfect for highlighting a shower wall, vanity, or niche.

Grout colour

Grout may feel like a minor detail, but it has a major influence on your bathroom's design. The right colour can seamlessly complement your tiles or create a striking contrast.



How to choose

Complimentary

For a unified appearance choose a similar colour grout to your tile. This works particularly well for marble, cement, timber-look and stone-look designs.

Contrasting

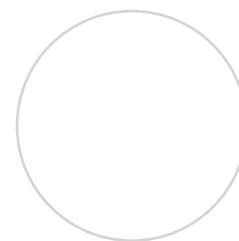
If you want your tiles to stand out or introduce more visual interest, a contrasting grout can add instant character without increasing your budget. This approach is ideal for highlighting tile shapes and patterns.

Keep in mind, lighter grout requires more upkeep, while mid- to darker tones are more practical in high-use bathrooms.



To save money, you can refresh your existing grout by re-sealing, re-grouting, or using a colourant to give your bathroom a new look.

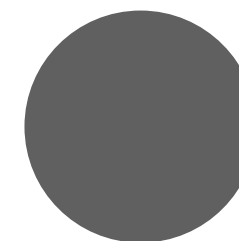
Most common colours



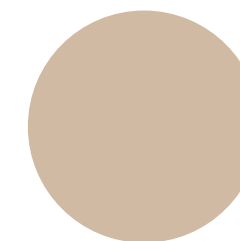
White



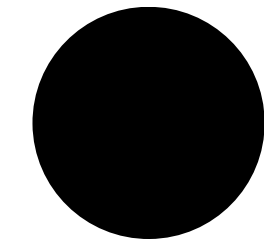
Light Grey



Charcoal



Beige

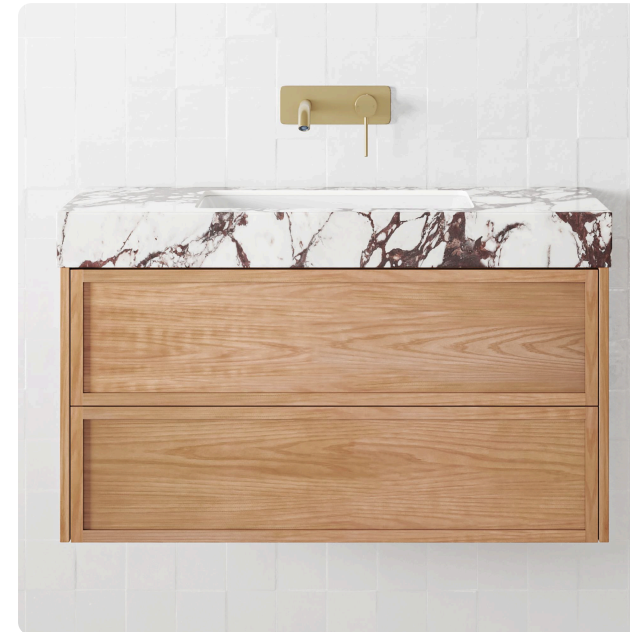


Black

Vanities

Vanity types

Selecting the right bathroom vanity can be a challenging task. It's important to consider not just your personal taste, but also the layout and dimensions of your bathroom.



Wall Hung Vanity

Wall-hung vanities are space-saving and modern, creating an open, airy feel while making floor cleaning effortless.



Freestanding Vanity

Freestanding vanities are timeless and versatile, offering generous storage while suiting almost any bathroom style.



Single Vanity

Single vanities are compact yet functional, making them perfect for smaller bathrooms while still providing essential storage.



Double Vanity

Double vanities are ideal for shared bathrooms, with dual basins and generous storage to keep everything organised.

Measurement tips

Getting your vanity measurements right is key to achieving both style and practicality, ensuring the vanity fits seamlessly into your layout while making everyday use comfortable.



Consider storage early on. Whether that be with vanity drawers, cabinets or niches, it is always best to plan ahead.



Effortless living

Installing power points inside your vanity keeps everyday items like hairdryers and electric toothbrushes handy, while reducing clutter on your benchtop.

Types of basins

The basin you choose will set the tone for your bathroom's style and functionality. Whether you choose a bold statement piece or a space-saving design the right basin balances form, function, and your unique aesthetic.



Above Counter

An above-counter basin is an easy way to elevate your bathroom's style, whether through bold colour, unique texture, or striking shape.



Semi-Inset

A semi-inset basin is partly set into the benchtop and compliments to both classic and modern designs.



Undermount

Positioned beneath the countertop, an undermount basin creates a sleek, seamless look while making cleaning quick and effortless.



Wall Hung

Mounted directly to the wall with no vanity beneath, a wall-hung basin is perfect for compact spaces, delivering an open, minimalist feel.



Pedestal

A pedestal basin combines a sleek silhouette with practical plumbing concealment, making it a stylish and functional choice.

Shaving cabinets

A shaving cabinet is one of the most practical yet overlooked additions in a bathroom. Combining storage with a mirror, it helps declutter your vanity area while keeping essentials within easy reach.



Choose a cabinet width that is the same as or slightly narrower than your vanity for **visual balance**.



Install Insight

Surface-mount

Surface-mounted (wall-mounted) cabinets attach directly to the wall and are easier to install. While they do protrude slightly, they offer flexibility in placement and are ideal for straightforward renovations.

Recessed

Recessed cabinets sit flush within the wall for a sleek, seamless look, making them perfect for minimalist or modern bathrooms. However, they require wall modifications and more complex installation, so professional fitting is usually recommended.

Shaving cabinet shapes

Shaving cabinets come in a variety of shapes, each offering a unique mix of style, function, and personality to suit your bathroom.



Rectangular

A timeless and versatile choice that suits most bathroom layouts, offering clean lines and practical storage.



Arch

Softly curved at the top, the arch design adds elegance and a gentle architectural touch to your space.



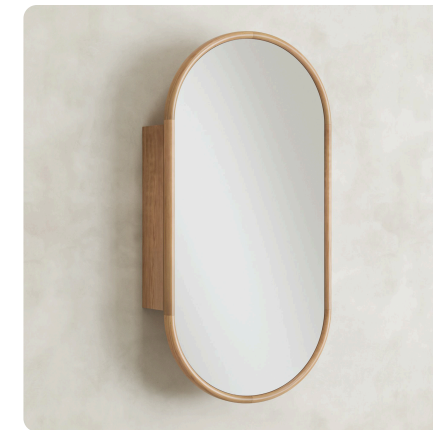
Oval

Sleek and contemporary, the oval shape introduces visual softness to balance the straight-edge.



Round

Perfect for compact spaces, round cabinets bring a sense of balance and simplicity while softening the room's overall look.



Pill

Modern and eye-catching, the pill shape blends curved edges with an elongated form for a bold yet refined statement.



Tapware

Tapware types

Tapware is more than a finishing touch, it shapes both the look and function of your bathroom. The style, finish, and placement you choose define your space's personality and performance.



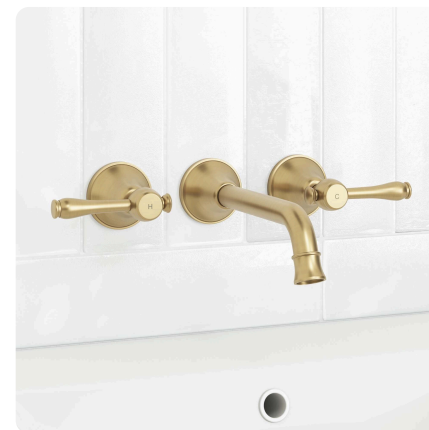
Basin Mixers



Bath/Basin Wall Mixers



Bath/Basin Spouts



Bath/Basin Wall Tap Sets



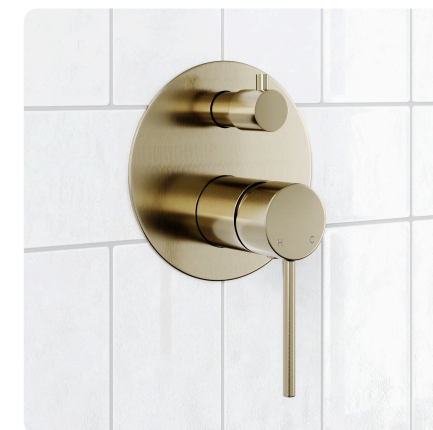
Basin Tap Sets



Shower/Bath Wall Mixers



Wall Top Assemblies



Shower/Bath Diverters



Floor Mounted Tapware

Measurement tips

Accurate tapware measurements ensures water flows correctly, making your bathroom more functional, and keeping the space looking polished and balanced.



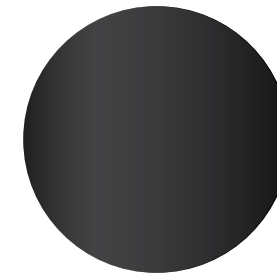
Don't forget to measure the projection (reach) of your tap spout. It should extend far enough so water flows neatly into the basin, not the edge.



Pipe smart

Check your plumbing before choosing wall or basin-mounted taps as moving pipes can be costly. To stick to your budget we recommend keeping existing plumbing in place where possible.

Tapware finishes



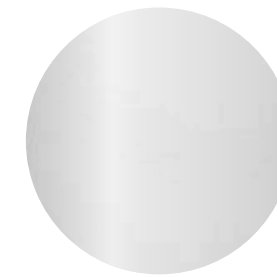
Matte Black



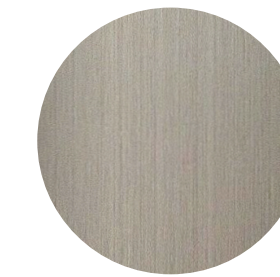
Brushed Brass



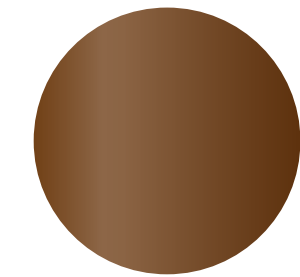
Antique Brass



Chrome



Brushed Nickel



Bronze



Finish strong

Stick to the one finish throughout for a cohesive and timeless look.



Showers

Showers types

The right shower can transform your daily routine. From sleek fixed heads to indulgent rain showers, each type offers a unique experience to suit your bathroom design and lifestyle.



Wall Fixed Shower Head

Mounted securely to the wall, fixed shower heads offer a consistent water flow and a clean, streamlined look.



Handheld Shower Head

Attached to a flexible hose, a handheld shower provides versatility for rinsing, cleaning, and everyday convenience.



Rain Shower Head

Designed to mimic the feeling of natural rainfall, a rain shower delivers a luxurious, full-body drench for a spa-like experience.



Twin Rail Shower

Combining a fixed overhead shower with a handheld unit on an adjustable rail, a twin rail shower offers the best of both worlds for comfort and flexibility.

Measurement tips

Taking accurate shower measurements is essential to ensure your shower fits perfectly within the space, creating a bathroom that feels comfortable, practical, and tailored to you.



Gooseneck shower heads sit higher than standard ones, so double-check your ceiling height to make sure the fitting has enough clearance.



Smart storage

Plan for in-shower storage, like niches or shelves. Keeping essentials within easy reach while reducing clutter and maintaining a clean, streamlined look.

Shower walls

From sleek glass panels to textural tiles, the material you choose will influence not only the style but also the practicality, cost and upkeep of your bathroom.



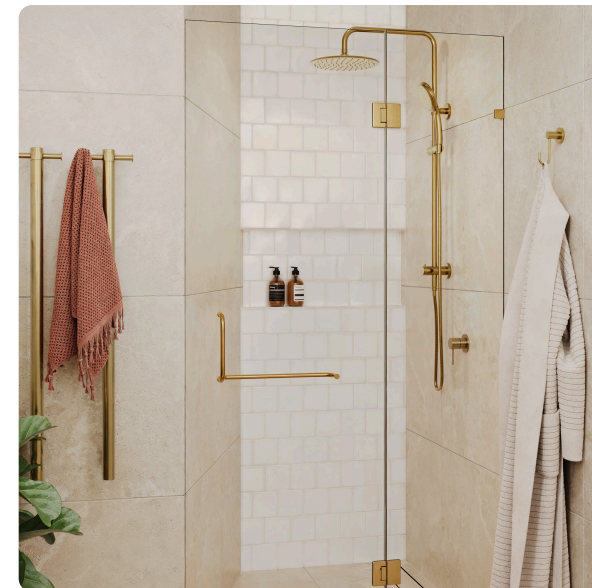
Shower Wall

Classic and versatile, tiles let you play with colour, pattern, and texture while offering durability and easy cleaning.



Half Wall/Half Glass

A mix of solid wall and glass provides both privacy and openness, and can double as space for shelving or a niche.



Enclosed Shower

Sleek and minimal, clear glass helps open up the space and works well in small bathrooms.



Shower Panels

A glass panel creates a sleek, open feel in the bathroom, containing water without closing off the space.



Baths

Bath types

The right bathtub can bring comfort and style to your space, but it's just as important to consider size, layout, and functionality for the perfect fit.



Drop in Bathtub

A drop-in bath offers a clean, streamlined look that's easy to clean and often more budget friendly than freestanding options.



Freestanding Bathtub

Freestanding baths are the ultimate showpiece, adding luxury and elegance. They work best in larger bathrooms but need more space and plumbing flexibility.



Back To Wall Bathtub

Back-to-wall baths deliver the look of a freestanding design with the practicality of being set against a wall, saving space and making cleaning easier.



Corner Bathtub

Corner baths make clever use of space, offering a comfortable soak while helping bathrooms with tricky layouts feel open and well-balanced.

Measurement tips

Accurate measurements help achieve a balanced layout, ensuring your bath not only fits the space but complements the room's flow and functionality.



700mm
Minimum clearance
for ease of access.

If you choose a freestanding bath, make sure there's enough clearance around the sides to easily clean and maintain the area underneath and behind it.

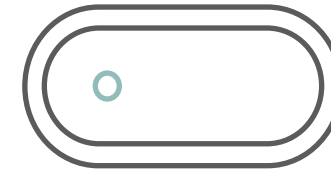


Lasting finish

Choosing the right bath material can make a big difference with maintenance and longevity. Acrylic is lightweight and easy to clean, while stone or resin baths are durable but may require gentle care.

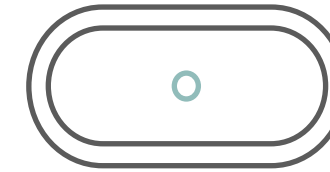
Waste placement

Waste placement is a small detail that makes a big difference when installing a bath. The position of your drain not only affects comfort and usability but can also impact plumbing costs and the overall look of your bathroom.



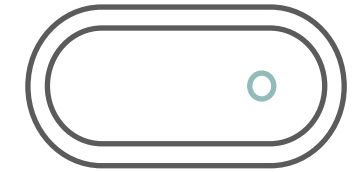
Left Waste

Ideal for single-person use or when your plumbing is located on the left-hand side.



Centre Waste

Allows even drainage from both ends, making it a smart choice for freestanding baths where two people may use it.



Right Waste

Similar to the left-hand waste, this is best suited for single-use bathing or when plumbing is already right aligned.

Flow ready

To avoid stress and costly plumbing, we recommend checking where your existing plumbing sits before choosing your bath.



Toilet types

Choosing the right toilet is an important part of your bathroom design, balancing comfort, style, and practicality. From space-saving wall-hung models to timeless close-coupled styles, the right choice will complement your layout and enhance everyday use.



Back-To-Wall

A sleek, space-saving design where the toilet pan is positioned flush against the wall, hiding the plumbing for a sleek, streamlined look.



Wall-Faced

Wall-faced toilets sit flush against the wall for a clean, minimalist look and easier cleaning. Keep in mind that with the cistern concealed, maintenance access can be more challenging.



Wall-Hung

Wall-hung toilets are a sleek, space-saving choice that bring a modern edge. Although maintenance can be trickier as the cistern is concealed behind the wall.

Easy clean

Rimless and back-to-wall toilets are easy to clean, with smooth designs that eliminate hidden grime.



Measurement tips

Accurate toilet measurements ensure a comfortable fit and smooth installation, helping you avoid costly adjustments and keep your layout functional.



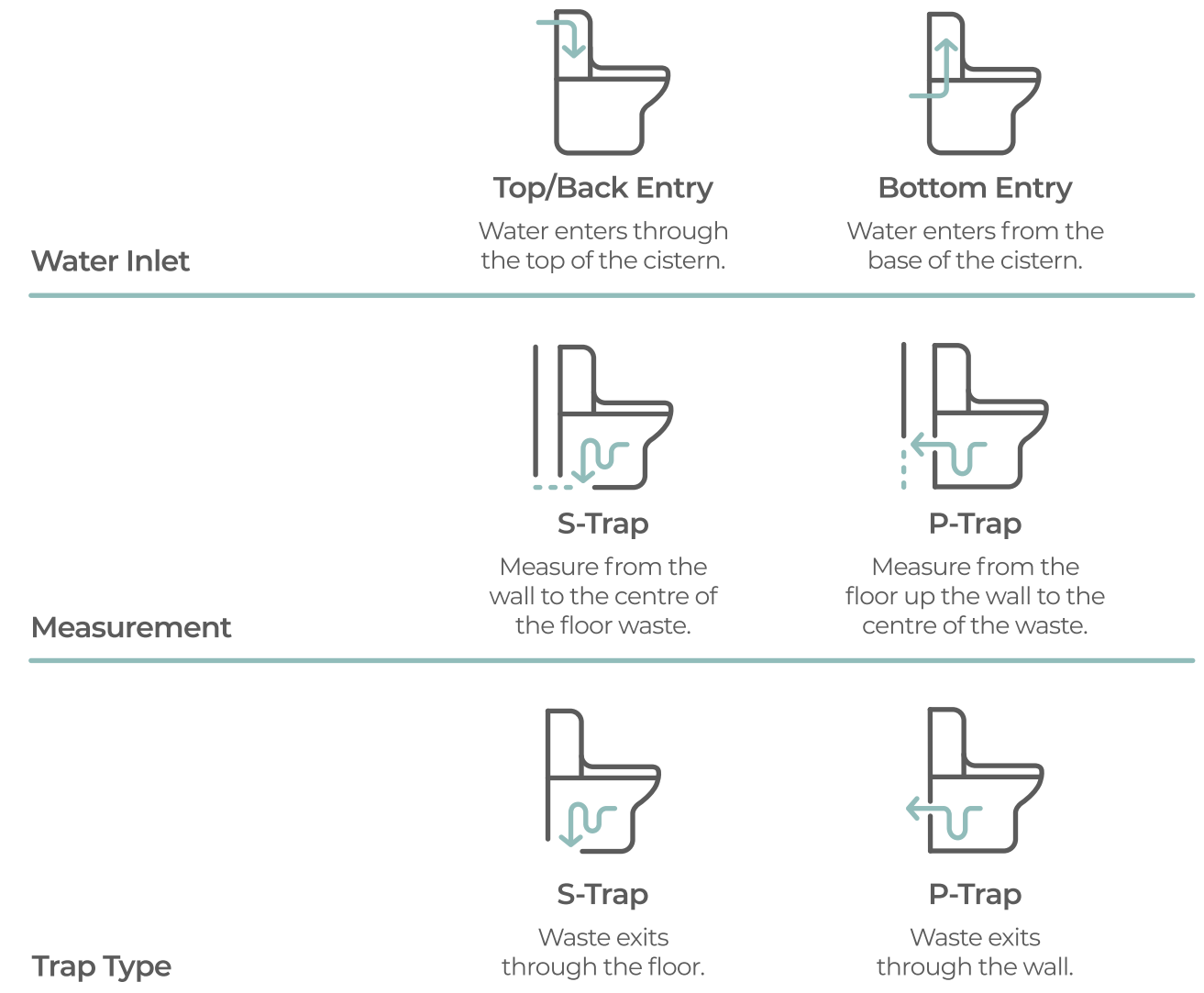
*When positioning a toilet, allow at least **700mm of clear space** in front and **200mm on each side** for comfortable use and access.*

Coordinated curves

Matching the shape of your toilet to your basin creates balance and cohesion in your bathroom. Coordinated curves or angles make the space feel thoughtfully designed and visually harmonious.

Toilet installation

Knowing your toilet's water inlet, waste size, and trap type is essential for proper installation. These details ensure plumbing compatibility and a toilet that fits seamlessly into your bathroom.



Installation made simple

A properly installed toilet is essential for both function and comfort. Ensure you measure the rough-in carefully, check the flange and wax ring, and allow space for easy access and cleaning.



Lighting types

Lighting is one of the most important elements in a bathroom. The right combination of lighting layers not only enhances functionality but also elevates the overall atmosphere of the space.



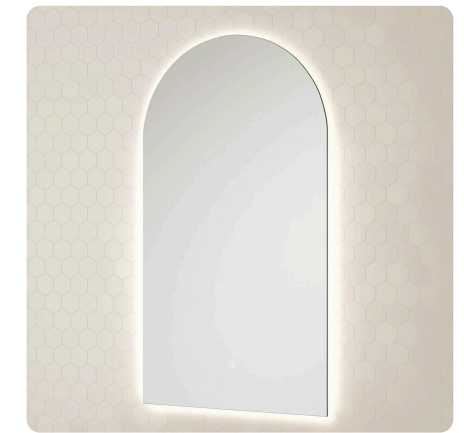
Ambient lighting

Ambient lighting is the main source of light and ensures the space is evenly lit. Ceiling-mounted fixtures, downlights, or pendant lights are commonly used to create a soft, inviting glow.



Accent lighting

Wall lighting like sconces bring soft, flattering light to the bathroom, perfect beside mirrors for daily routines while adding an extra layer of style.



Task lighting

Used to highlight design features, accent lighting adds depth and drama. Consider LED strips under vanities, wall niches, or behind mirrors to create a modern, luxurious feel.

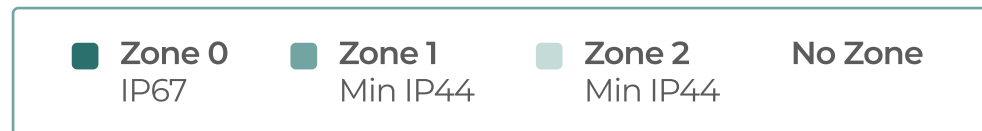
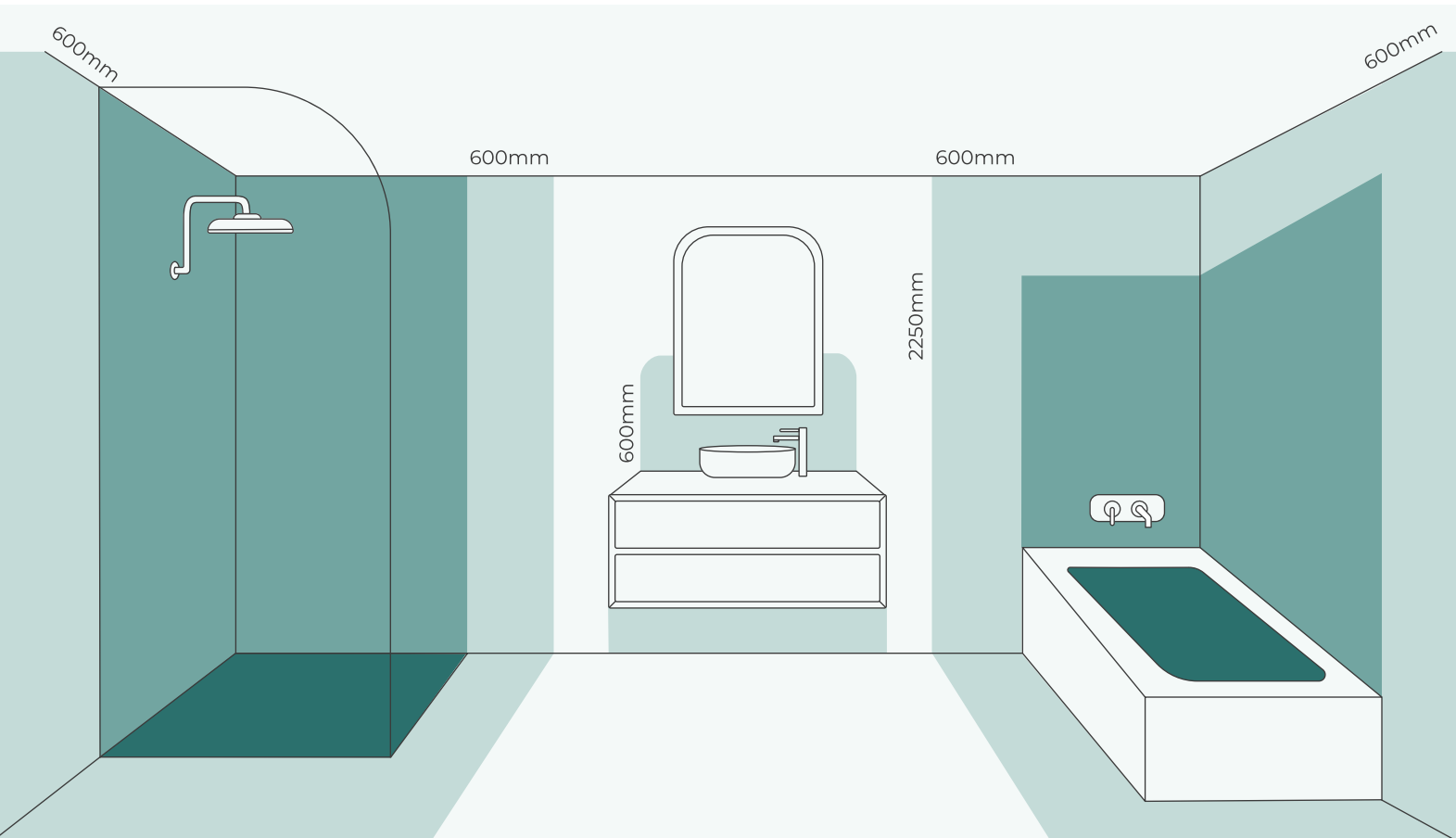
Layered lighting

Combine ambient, task, and accent lighting for a bright yet balanced space.



Lighting guide

Plan your bathroom lighting around wet and humid zones to ensure safety and prevent damage, keeping fixtures away from areas exposed to direct water.



Zone 0

Any lighting used in Zone 0 must have a minimum rating of IP67

Zone 1

Residential: lights with IP rating IP44 or above

Zone 2

Residential: lights with IP rating IP44 or above

IP rating chart

When choosing bathroom lighting, it's important to consider IP ratings, which ensure your fittings are safe and suitable for wet and humid spaces.

Solids Rating		Moisture Rating	
0	Not rated for protection.	0	Not rated for protection.
1	Protected against solid objects over 50mm in size e.g. hands or large tools.	1	Protected against vertically falling drops of water or condensation.
2	Protected against solid objects over 12mm in size e.g. fingers.	2	Protected against vertically falling drops of water when light is tilted up to 15 degrees angle.
3	Protected against solid objects over 2.5mm in size e.g. wires and small tools.	3	Protected against direct sprays of water when light is tilted up to 60 degrees.
4	Protected against solid objects over 1mm in size e.g. small screws & nails, and larger insects.	4	Protected against sprays of water from all directions.
5	Partial protection against dust and similar particles.	5	Protected against low pressure jets of water from all directions.
6	Full protection from dust and similar particles.	6	Protected against high pressure jets of water from all directions.
		7	Protected against short periods of immersion in water 15cm - 1m for up to 30 minutes. Always check manufacturer specifics for products with this rating.
		8	Protected against continuous immersion in water up to 1m for long periods. Always check manufacturer specifics for products with this rating.
		9	Protection from close-range, powerful, high-temperature water jets.



Wall-mounted accessories

Thoughtfully chosen wall-mounted accessories bring balance and refinement to your bathroom, creating a space that feels considered and effortlessly functional.



When choosing a **heated towel rack**, it's essential to check its **IP rating** to ensure it's **safe** for use in a **bathroom space**.



Secure setup

Plan accessory placement early to allow for proper wall support and concealed fixings. Wherever possible, mount into wall studs or use quality anchors suited to tiled or plaster walls.

Wall-mounted accessories

From towel rails to robe hooks, wall-mounted accessories are thoughtful touches that make your bathroom feel curated and complete.



Heated Towel Rails

Warm, dry towels and a touch of luxury. Heated towel racks make simple comfort feel indulgent.



Toilet Roll Holders

A small detail that makes a big difference, a toilet roll holder keeps your space tidy and easy to use.



Robe hooks

Keep towels and robes within easy reach while maintaining a clean, organised look.



Bathroom Shelves

Bathroom shelves add smart, practical storage for everyday essentials without cluttering your space.



Soap Trays

Soap trays offer a simple, stylish way to keep basins and baths neat and mess-free.

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