

Bathroom planner

What do you need to think about when you're planning your dream bathroom? It depends on the purpose of the room – is it an ensuite, main bathroom or a guest bathroom? And how many people will be using it at the same time? Here's a list of the sort of things you may want to consider.

What do you want in your bathroom?	How important is it?			<i>Comments</i>
	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Nice to have</i>	<i>Not important</i>	
How many of you use the bathroom, any special needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
How many will use the room at the same time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
New vanity – more bench space, drawers, special tops?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
New basin – double basin, wall hung, what height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
New toilet – wall hung, separate toilet room?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bidet – wall hung?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
New bath – spa bath, room for two, any special style?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
New shower – walk-in, room for two, tiled surface?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower head – water saver, massage unit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
New taps, mixers, faucets for shower, bath, basin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
New hot water tank, electric/gas, instant water heater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Towel storage – rails, heated rail, shelves?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dressing – full length mirrors, robe hooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Make-up – storage, mirror with lighting, bench space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shaving – storage, mirror with lighting, shaver point	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hair drying – storage, RCD power point	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Laundry area for dirty washing, ironing, cleaning items?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Room for exercise equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shelves for display	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Space for other items – bathroom scales, rubbish bin, radio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lockable medicine cabinet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heating – under floor, radiator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ventilation – vents, an automatic fan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Natural light – windows, skylights, glass bricks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Windows – view to outside or frosted glass?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other privacy considerations – part-wall for toilet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
General and mood lighting, task lighting dimmers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wiring – for RCD power points, new lighting, appliances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wall finish – wet surfaces, paint, paper, tiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors – tiles, wood, cork, vinyl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Window treatments – blinds, shutters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Make a small space look bigger

- choose wall hung fittings – they make it easier to clean the floors too
- use large size floor tiles rather than small ones – they add drama and trick the eye
- make the room light – pick light colours and fittings, add a window or skylight
- add a big mirror – putting another one on the opposite wall magnifies the effect
- visually extend the room by giving it an outlook – a window or screened off garden perhaps?