

## **Planning Your New Dream Bathroom or Renovating an Existing One?**

There is nothing more exciting than seeing your finished project and feeling satisfied with your choices.

It takes a fair bit of planning but we can help you achieve that dream, the first step is identifying what level of renovation or building project you are prepared to take on and what items you want in your bathroom. Then we can give you a more realistic idea of what is involved and you can decide which items you'd like to spend your hard earned money on.

Use the information below to help determine your requirements. Try to think about how many people use the bathroom each day, at the same time and their age – children's requirements change so its good time to plan ahead.

Consider if each item is essential, optional or not important.

### **Is it a brand new bathroom?**

Do you know where you will locate your bathroom?

Do you already have design plans?

Have you obtained relevant consents?

Is your new bathroom near the main hot water system?

**If you answered 'no' to some the questions see our checklist to help with your planning and set some realistic expectations.**

### **Is it a complete renovation?**

Everyone has a different budget and expectations of what they want achieve when it comes to renovating.

Some people will be prepared to remove the gib and floor coverings so they can waterproof the whole room for a tiled shower, underfloor heating or other upgrades.

Will the room layout stay the same?

Will you remove your existing wall linings?

**Use the checklist to help with your planning and set some realistic expectations.**

### **Is it an upgrade to an existing bathroom?**

If you are happy with your layout and only want to update a few items in your bathroom it's still a good idea to run through the questions and checklist to make sure you get the outcome you want.

Will the layout stay the same?

Which items do you want to replace or add?

- Bath
- Basin

- Shower
- Toilet
- Hot water cylinder
- Mirror
- Cabinets
- Extractor fan
- Heater
- Towel rail (heated/unheated)
- Lights
- Flooring
- Accessories, toilet roll, toilet brush, hand towel rail etc.

**Use the checklist below to make sure you have thought of everything.**

You don't need to know all the answers before you start but by ticking the relevant boxes you'll get an idea of which items you really want and which ones you'll need further advise on. It also helps with working out realistic cost expectations.

### Checklist

*When you have a new bathroom you want to make sure you'll have enough water capacity to enjoy it.*

#### **Hot water supply**

How many people live in your house?

Do you currently have enough hot water to meet everyone's requirements?

*(adding a new bathroom, putting in a bigger bath or high pressure shower will use more water)*

What is your current hot water source: *Gas / Electric / Solar / Wetback*

If you have a hot water cylinder, do you know the size and age?

#### **Water Pressure**

Do you have high or low pressure at present?

*If you have low pressure then you'll need to make sure you select suitable tapware.*

#### **Shower**

What kind of shower will you want?

Cubicle or moulded shower

Shower over bath

Tiled Shower

*(requires extras such as waterproof lining, tiling and fitting a custom door which increases costs)*

Tiled shower considerations

Size

- Room for one or two?

- Sliding door
- Hinged door

Shower head options

- Slide rail
- Overhead drench
- Fixed wall head

Tiling options

- Flat tiled wall
- Contoured  
*(Contoured with recesses for bottle storage, shaving ledge)*

### **Bath**

What kind of bath do you have room for?

Freestanding

Built in

Spa bath *(this will require access to electricity)*

### **Basin/Vanity**

What kind of vanity will work best in your bathroom?

Floor mounted or wall hung

Single or double sink

### **Toilet**

Which toilet option do you have or would you like?

Wall hung

Floor mounted

### **Bidet**

Do you want one and where would it be located?

Under or over rimming flushing are your main considerations. Under rim flushing requires its own water system so increases the costs.

### **Heating, Ventilation and Lighting**

Do you want to upgrade or add the following?

Extractor fan

Extractor fan timer

Fan Heater

Heated towel rail

Heated towel rail timer

Underfloor heating

Sensor night lighting

Mood lighting

Dimmer for lighting  
Vanity mirror lighting  
Mirror demister  
Audio system  
Power sockets quantity and locations

- Inside cabinets for electric toothbrush
- Electric shaver
- Hairdryer

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### **Tapware**

There are so many options when it comes to tapware. When you know which water pressure you have or will end up with low or high pressure have a think about the following options to help guide you. It's great to have so much variety but it can make decision making harder!

Modern or traditional  
*(Individual hot and cold water taps versus a mixer tap)*  
3 Piece or mixer

Wall or sink mounted?  
Check the required length of spout for over basins and baths.

Do you want the same style throughout your house or bathrooms?  
Do you want matching accessories to your tapware?

### **Storage**

Think about all the items you may need to store, there are some clever solutions even for small spaces.

Wall hung cabinets  
Vanity mirror cabinets  
Recessed cabinets  
Freestanding furniture

### **Accessories and last minute items**

It's the little things that are easily forgotten but it's worth knowing that accessories can be ordered at the same time as your other items. Some tapware ranges have matching accessories which adds a nice finishing touch.

Towel rails  
Towel hooks  
Toilet brush & holder  
Toilet roll holder  
Soap dispenser  
Robe hooks  
Door stoppers  
Grab bars  
Shelves for display items

Showerdome  
Lockable medicine cabinet  
Rubbish bin location  
Bathroom scales  
Washing basket location

### **Impaired Mobility Access**

Will anyone with special needs or impaired mobility, need to use the bathroom now or in the future?

If so do you want to upgrade or add the following?

Wet room  
Grab rails (*consideration of how they might be fitted need to be taken into account*)  
Shower seat  
Anti-slip material for showers and baths  
Bath lift  
Wheelchair access through doors  
Space for wheelchair under vanity  
Ease of access to toilet

### **Floor covering**

- Tile
- Wood
- Vinyl

### **Windows**

- Blinds
- Shutters
- Frosted glass

### **Wall finish**

- Paint
- Tile – to which height
- Wall paper

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We're here to help so email us your checklist and we'll be in touch to help you create your dream bathroom.

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