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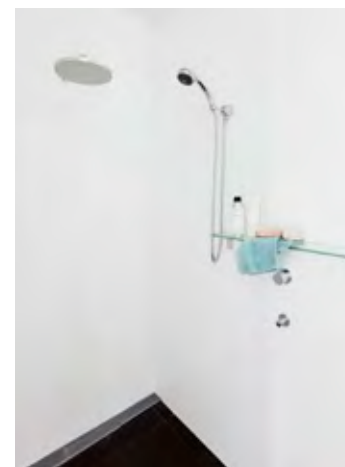
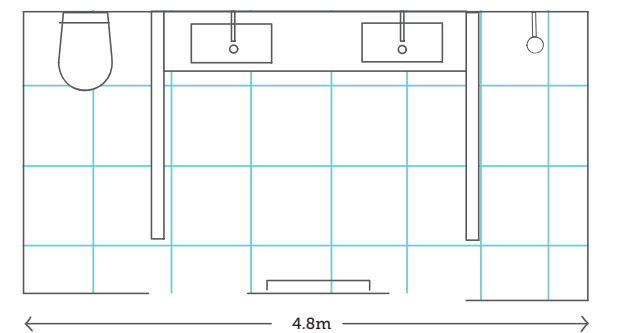


“Instead of regular light switches, we included sensor lights that automatically turn on when someone walks in”

A SPARKLING MIRRORED VANITY AND STANDOUT WALL TILES STEAL THE SHOW IN THIS GLAMOROUS ENSUITE

Creating a shared ensuite for two style-conscious sisters, Jessica and Belinda, could have been a complex process, but luckily for designer Carolyn Burns-McCrave, the savvy siblings knew exactly what they wanted. “We both love the look of chic hotel bathrooms, so when Carolyn suggested a fully mirrored vanity unit we jumped at the idea,” recalls Belinda. Teamed with glamorous wall tiles, oversized charcoal tiles on the floor and crystal pulls on the cabinetry, the space exudes powder-room luxury. “The mirrors look amazing but keeping them clean can be challenging at times!” says Belinda. “We also thought they might scratch easily, but they’ve been surprisingly robust.”

Privacy was another key element for the pair, delivered in the form of blade walls on either side of the centrally positioned vanity, one screening the toilet and the other providing room for a walk-in shower. Twin basins and a wide-mirrored wall leave plenty of space, meaning that the sisters can both use the bathroom at the same time. “Our bedroom doors open out into the ensuite and shield the shower and toilet zones,” explains Belinda. “It not only gives us privacy, but also makes the space feel like three rooms in one!” ^{hb}



SHOPPING LIST

Accessories: A selection from Amalfi, Ikea, Saison and Onkaparinga.

Basins: Axa '50' above-counter basins, Reece.

Shower: Nikles 'Techno 250' overhead shower and Nikles 'XL' horizontal shower arm, both Reece.

Tiles: Softstone 'Midnight' 300mm x 600mm semi-polished porcelain floor tiles; gloss white 300mm x 600mm rectified ceramic shower and toilet wall tiles; Fussion 'Elegance' 150mm x 600mm glazed porcelain feature wall tiles, all Artistic Tile Design.

Toilet: Pozzi Ginori '500' in-wall toilet pan, Reece.

Towel rail: Paco Jaanson 'Lunette' 750mm towel rail, Design Bathware.

Vanity: 6mm silver-backed mirror custom-made vanity, Modern Fit Group, with Crystal 'Sonata' knobs in Bright Chrome, Gainsborough.

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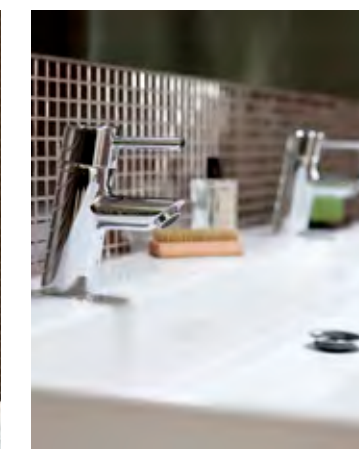


WARM CHOCOLATE SHADES AND SHIMMERING FINISHES COMBINE TO CREATE AN INDULGENT PAMPER ZONE

Instead of renovating their existing small bathroom, homeowners Chris and Sandy decided to start afresh, converting their former laundry into a luxurious suite that would be light years away from the cramped space they had. "After years of showering over a bathtub, a spacious shower enclosure was also essential," says Chris. Interior designer Carolyn Burns-McCrave helped to consolidate the couple's ideas, presenting them with an adventurous scheme peppered with glistening mosaics, smart wallpaper-clad walls and chic pendant lighting. "We were surprised that Carolyn suggested putting wallpaper into the bathroom given that water, condensation and paper don't normally mix, but we've had no problems with it and it's such a glamorous feature," says Chris.

The narrow room, located at the rear of the house, didn't have much natural light, so a new side window was incorporated into the plan, and a skylight added above the vanity. Carolyn worked with the room's linear proportions, dividing the space into three zones. The long vanity, complete with an oversized double basin, takes centrestage, along with a three-metre-long mirror and plenty of under-counter storage. The toilet is hidden behind a dwarf wall at one end of the room, while at the other, a large shower enclosure provides plenty of space. "I don't knock my knees and elbows on the walls anymore, unless I'm dancing," says Chris. "It feels like I'm showering in a disco!" 

"We wanted the complete opposite to the space we had – we wanted colour, texture and wow-factor"



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Accessories: A selection from Amalfi, Onkaparinga, Ikea and Saison.

Basin: Villeroy & Boch 'Memento' double basin, E & S Trading.

Benchtop: 20mm composite stone in Beige Duna, Quarella.

Cabinetry: Finished in 'Bronzeworks' laminate, Laminex.

Lighting: Try 'Opio' pendant lights, Telbix.

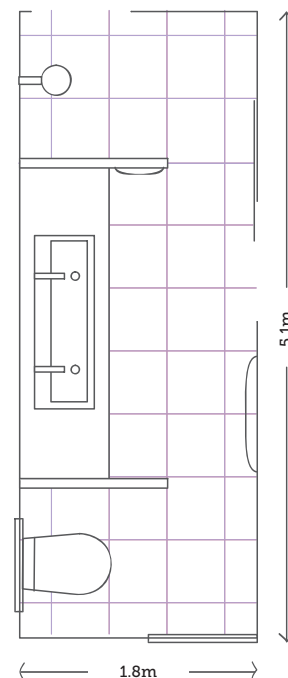
Tapware: Grohe 'Concetto' basin mixer and Grohe 'Rainshower Cosmopolitan' 160mm showerhead on 900mm rail, both E & S Trading.

Tiles: Lumina 'Cemento' 300mm x 300mm polished porcelain wall and floor tiles; silver 19mm x 19mm feature wall ceramic mosaics, both Artistic Tile Design.

Wallpaper: Osborne & Little 'Trifid' wallpaper in W5556-01, Seneca Textiles.

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“Mosaics are tricky to put on, but done properly, they look amazing!”



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VIBRANT COLOURS AND HARDY FINISHES CREATE A PRACTICAL YET CHEERFUL BATHROOM FOR A YOUNG FAMILY

When planning their new family bathroom, a functional and user-friendly space was key for homeowners Lisa and Paul. With three young children to cater for, double basins were a must-have, as was ample storage and hardwearing countertops. “We also wanted a large bath that could accommodate three little bodies now, and in years to come, a six-foot teenager!” says Lisa.

Unsure of how to pull their ideas together, they called on interior designer Carolyn Burns-McCrave to guide them through the process. “It was important to design a practical space that grew with the children, so I made the shower enclosure as large as possible and kept the finishes functional yet contemporary,” explains Carolyn.

Vivid lime green wall tiles were chosen to add punch and personality to the room, while underfoot, large-format charcoal tiles are another stylish inclusion. “Bright green tiles are not something we’d have chosen ourselves, but once Carolyn brought all the samples together, we loved the design,” says Lisa. “In fact, the green tiles are my favourite feature!” hb



“This room is testament to my preference for colour-blocking feature tiles, rather than using them as small accents”

~ interior designer, Carolyn Burns-McCrave

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Accessories: A selection from Amalfi, Saison, Ikea and Onkaparinga.

Basins: Kado 'Cirque' semi above-counter basins, Reece.

Bath: Kado 'Lure' freestanding oval bath, Reece.

Bath shelf: Finished in 'Alaskan' laminate, Laminex.

Tapware: Mizu '1500' basin mixer, Mizu '1500' bath mixer,

Scala '200' wall bath spout, Nikles 'XL' rail shower,

Mizu '1500' shower mixer, all Reece.

Tiles: 'Duo Verdi' 200mm x 316mm glazed ceramic feature wall tiles, Earp Bros; 300mm x 600mm gloss white rectified ceramic wall tiles and 300mm x 600mm Entiva 'Casa' porcelain floor tiles in Grey, both Artistic Tile Design.

Towel rail: Scala towel rail, Reece.

Vanity: Finished in 'Alaskan' and 'Smoky Sapelle' laminate, both Laminex; engineered stone countertop in Nougat, Caesarstone.

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