

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

## 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?

