

Planning your bathroom

There's a great deal to consider when thinking about your bathroom design.

Your bathroom performs many tasks; it's a place to invigorate you as the day begins and a place to relax as it draws to a close.

Things to Consider -

Floor Plan

Whether the style you crave is one of understated elegance, full-on glamour or something more modest, planning ahead is the essential way to get the best out of your bathroom.

Your first step should be to devise a floor plan – see inner back page.

Think about what items you want to include, and how they will be used. It is crucial to make sure you factor in enough space for standing and moving around.

Suitability for All

Think about who will be using your bathroom.

Freestanding baths might look fantastic, but can be difficult for children or the less agile.

Looks alone should not sway your decision, make sure you go for function as well as form.

Storage

Modern minimalist designs only work if all bathroom products are carefully and cleverly concealed.

Plumbing paraphernalia is also best hidden away.

Concealing it within furniture is a great solution, as it still remains accessible for any maintenance.

Heating

Underfloor heating is an excellent alternative to radiators, offering a warming solution for a contemporary bathroom.

It is simple to install during the flooring phase, and provides heat across the entire room.

Heated towel rails have also become a must-have for the modern bathroom.

Choices range from the more traditional chrome and stainless steel finishes, to an array of colours that can be matched or contrasted with your other design preferences.

Decoration

There are many materials, styles, textures and finishes to choose from when decorating a bathroom.

Tiles in a wet environment are the most popular option, as they are both practical and wonderfully aesthetic. They can also help make spaces appear much larger.

Using a panel of vibrant wall colour can create a dramatic look. Bold hues can add zest and warmth or when used sparingly against a sleek white bathroom will instantly create a modern contemporary feel.

Adding texture with more tactile materials such as wood and glass can be wonderfully relaxing, adding a spa-like quality to your space.

Mirrors & Lighting

Lighting can make a huge difference to the mood of your room. For example flush fitted recessed lights in the ceiling will help fill the room with a soft ambient light.

Mirrors are not only a bathroom essential, their clever use can also make a bathroom seem both larger and brighter. And much like lighting, your bathroom may benefit from the use of multiple mirrors which can effectively alter any surroundings.

Bathroom Layout Planner

■ = MM

NOTES
