

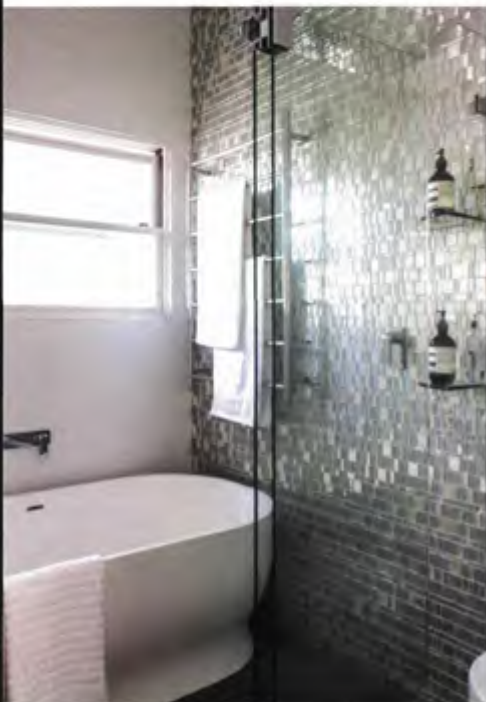


BATHROOM *Scene-stealers*

ALL WHITE MAY BE THE STANDARD CHOICE FOR MODERN BATHROOMS, BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS TO CREATE A SPACE THAT SPEAKS UP FOR ITSELF.

Personality +

Jodie and Andrew needed a design that incorporated a separate bath and shower to accommodate daily use by the whole family – and it had to have plenty of storage space. The design process took less than two weeks with the services of interior designer Corrina Andersen-Allsopp of Creative Space Interiors. "The bathroom is an average size for the local area, so we were limited with what we could achieve," notes Corrina. "At the same time Jodie and Andrew wanted a luxurious, contemporary look. The solution was to have a bath and separate shower in the form of a wet area. This concept always works well with smaller spaces, and 'flows' perfectly too."



"Don't underestimate the impact of being without a bathroom for over a month – move out if you can, while it's being done," Corrina suggests.

(BATHROOM ESSENTIALS)

SINK & TAPS Rogerseller Miky 80
SPOUTS, BATH TAP & SHOWER
MIXER TAP Dorf from Reece
SHOWER HEAD Gessi Trimillimetri
FIXED LIGHTING Spillray
BATH Cocomo Living
VANITY CaesarStone
CABINETS & VANITY Made by Lee Vella
of L&J Custom Kitchens & Joinery
Corrina. Find out more at
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DESIGN INSPIRATION

PRIVATE *retreat*

With longer working hours and increased pressures from every direction, small indulgences are more important than ever. Bathrooms have become the home's sanctuary in which to relax, rejuvenate and indulge. Forget trying to fit a day spa into your busy schedule and warm to the idea of unwinding at home.

Reece, the bathroom experts, have some clever ways to transform your bathroom into a beautiful day spa experience.

Everyone deserves their own space. A place to relax, rejuvenate and re-centre – create a sanctuary that nurtures the body and feeds the soul.

Below: Teknobil Loop Cascade Basin Mixer, Posh Solus 900 All-Drawer Wall-Hung Vanity Unit, Roca The Gap Rimless Back-to-wall Close-coupled Toilet Suite, Posh Solus 1780 Freestanding Bath, Teknobil Loop 200 Wall Bath Mixer Set.



Kado Arc 1745 Freestanding Bath from Reece



Enjoy pure bliss in your own wellness oasis. Natural materials and invigorating colour bring the space to life.

3 TOP TIPS FOR RE-CREATING THE DAY SPA FEEL AT HOME

By Lyndall Mitchell from Aurora Spa Retreat

1. INSPIRED BY NATURE

Create an environment inspired by nature using honest, natural materials like timber. When it comes to colours, hues of green and blue have been proven to influence the reduction of stress.

2. MOOD LIGHTING

Lighting really sets the atmosphere. If natural lighting is available, harness that. If not, candlelight has a soothing, calming effect.

3. RE-CREATE YOUR HAPPY PLACE

When do you feel most relaxed? In the greenery of the garden, in the clear blue water at the beach, or in the wood-lined forest? Reflect on when you feel most at ease and use this as inspiration for creating your bathroom.



Bald IN THE BATHROOM



EVERY DROP COUNTS

As well as being environmentally friendly, the DROP shower is also super-stylish and suitable for outdoor as well as indoor use. Inspired by the shape of a water drop and made in a variety of bright colours, DROP was designed by an Italian industrial designer and is available from Paco Jaanson. www.pacojaanson.com

PATTERN PERFECT

Add interest to a neutral bathroom quickly and easily with fabulous towels that have the same effect as artwork. Working wonders here are examples from the 2015 range of Mr Fentons towels exclusively for Fenton & Fenton. www.fentonandfenton.com.au



SHADES OF GREY

Grey can be the ideal colour to create a relaxing, soothing bathing space - the secret is to layer several warm grey hues along with lots of crisp white! The drama here comes from the dazzling feature wall, created with rectangular porcelain tiles in three shades of grey, teamed with a streamlined vanity, bath and tapware.

Raymor Aruba rectangular drop-in bath, 1790mm, \$458. Raymor Projix Pillar mixer with pin lever, 4-star WELS, \$129. Raymor Projix wall mounted bath mixer with pin lever, \$169. Raymor Wentworth 1200mm double wall-hung vanity, \$1099. Exclusively from Tradelink Plumbing Centres and Northern's Plumbing Supplies nationally. www.tradelink.com.au



SEEING RED

Even in a small bathroom, a tiled feature wall adds pizzazz and designer interest. Choose a strong colour that's an instant wake-up call to get you buzzing in the morning.





DESIGN INSPIRATION

BEYOND THE Square

Following the success of 'Sandcastles', his book on coastal-style decorating, and his range of fabric, wallpaper and cushions with Sporkk Studio, stylist Tim Neve has introduced the first design in his new range of tiles.

Mermania comes in shades of aquatic blues and, being handmade, each tile has variations, like classic Moroccan tiles using the same process. These on-trend encaustic tiles are made of pressed cement giving the pieces a chalky, matt patina with patches of imperfections a part of their charm. Suitable for both wall or floor use, they can be laid indoors or out to create a unique patch.

Tile size: 20x20cm x 16mm thickness, RRP \$160 m².
See the full range at store.timneve.com

"The coastal-inspired scallop motif is perfect to create a statement in a bathroom - or imagine a kitchen splashback!"



CONJURE THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASIDE WITH MERMANIA TILES.



I adore exploring all the tile options that are currently on the market. Modern manufacturing technology has brought so many diverse options. Here are my current favourite tile ideas to try:

FAKE IT

Seek out plank-shape tiles that mimic the look of textured wood floorboards that will fool your guests underfoot. So much easier for daily maintenance!

THINK OUTSIDE THE SQUARE

There's so much more than typical rectangular tiles on the market now. Try something different, like an elongated subway tile or even a hexagon for an ultra-modern look.

MIX AND MATCH

Also on trend is creating a mix of patterns. Whether that means taking a different approach on the wall versus the floor in one space, or an actual mix of tile patterns on the one surface to create an eclectic tapestry.

PATTERN MAKING

You can use standard rectangular tiles, but turn them on 45-degree angles to lay them in a smart herringbone pattern for example. Your tiler will love tackling something different!

Tim Neve is an Australian interiors stylist. His book 'Sandcastles' is out now with Murdoch Books (AUS/UK) and Harper Collins, New York (USA).



ASK THE EXPERTS

CARING FOR LEATHER FURNITURE

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Bob from Innisfail Qld asks: I made quite a long biro mark on our cream lounge. My wife used household cleaner on it and made an awful mess. I'm really in the doghouse - what do we do now?

The first thing to do is buy your wife some flowers and chockies to get back in the good books. Next you can try hairspray or methylated spirits to dissolve the biro. The alcohol in each of these products is very effective in diluting and lifting the ink from the leather. Spray the hairspray directly onto the ink mark and gently massage it with your finger. The ink should start to dissolve in the liquid and you can blot this out with a clean cotton cloth. Repeat until it's all gone. Then clean the surface with a leather-cleaning product to remove any residue. Take the same steps if using methylated spirits, but dip a cotton bud in the metho to apply it to the ink.





ASK THE EXPERTS



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BRINGING YOUR KITCHEN BACK TO YOUR REVOLUTION

IF ALL THAT CELEBRATING HAD AN EFFECT ON THE MOST-USED AREA IN THE HOME, YOU'LL WELCOME THESE TIPS TO GIVE IT A QUICK REFRESH

With Christmas behind us for another year, the kitchen, which looked sparkling and clean a couple of weeks ago, probably now has that used look, with a few odd stains on the cupboard fronts and the splashbacks. All that celebration has had its effects and the area most used in the home is now showing how much everyone enjoyed themselves.

A fast refresh of the kitchen is a must, so how can this be done quickly? Remembering that prior to the December celebrations your kitchen was given a thorough once-over, what you really need is to remove those small marks and stains caused by too many people using the benches and space, and not enough time to wipe up the spills as they happened.

The quickest and best way is to wipe over the cupboard fronts, splashbacks and benchtops with a micro-fibre cloth and glass cleanser. Spray the cleanser on the offending areas and wipe off with the cloth. Should any stain still remain, put a dab of cream cleanser on the scourer side of a damp sponge/scourer and rub off the mark. Remember to wipe over that section with a damp cloth to remove the cleanser, otherwise you will leave behind a white powder.

Once the cupboards, benchtops and splashbacks are clean, the sparkle will start to return. Time to check the stovetop. Remove any dried or caked-on food with a damp sponge and some dishwashing liquid. If the top is stainless steel, you might need to wipe it over again with glass cleanser and the micro-fibre cloth to remove any water marks and get it sparkling again.

And finally, turn your attention to the sink. Rub over, in and around with a sponge and some cream cleanser, making sure there is no tile mark or debris left on the sides or around the plug hole. Rinse all the cleanser away and dry the sink using an absorbent cloth. This will help it to shine.

There, in a matter of minutes, you have gone through your kitchen and given it back the look that was present before all the visitors arrived and took over. A quick clean like this after every celebration will always keep your kitchen sparkling. But, a word of warning: if the kitchen hasn't been thoroughly cleaned prior to the celebration, this quick clean will help it to look cleaner, but it won't sparkle.



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