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bathing bliss

A small bathroom has been relocated and reborn as a luxurious family retreat

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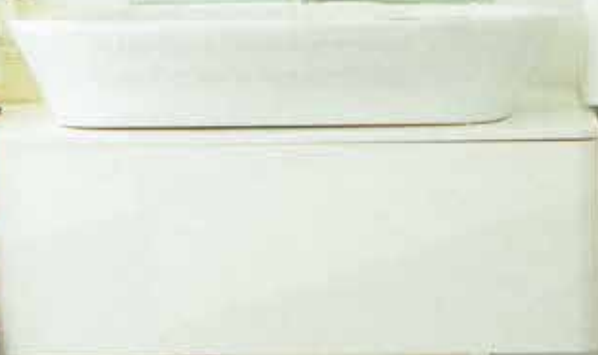
TIRED OF HER family of four having to use a cramped and poky bathroom, Melbourne homeowner Melissa took drastic action. "Our house is a former student share house and the bathroom was starting to show it," she recalls. "We asked interior designer Chelsea Hing to help us redesign the space and she came up with the idea of switching it to a larger room." The room's adjacent home office was earmarked as the new family bathroom. The result: a dream space that is defined by clean finishes and warm hues. >



"Although **storage** is important to me, I didn't want the room filled with cupboards that would take away from the **open feel**" - Melissa

light 'n' bright

Interior designer Chelsea started the makeover with large format White Gloss wall tiles from National Tiles; highly reflective, they bounce extra light around the room. The previous bathroom's boxy cabinetry was replaced with sleek and slimline units - try the Cibo Glacier range for similar. A Pozzi Ginori Q3 lay-on rectangular basin, from Reece, was chosen for its generous proportions and graceful shape, while a cut-to-fit mirror cleverly provides a splashback that further enhances the sense of space.



shower chic
A wall-hung Pol 'Sussex' showerhead adds a contemporary touch to the minimal shower zone, while a practical Mizu 1500 chrome shelf tidies away shower accessories. Both can be found at Reece.



shelf life

To provide extra storage for quick access items, Chelsea created a low shelf that extends from the vanity unit to the bath. Clad in the same warming Floor Tech stone tiles as the floor, the shelf is not only a stylish inclusion, it also conceals internal plumbing. Robe hooks from Reece provide the perfect spot to hang towels such as these vibrant Missoni 'Homer' towels from Safari Living.



splish splash

"The biggest task was fitting a full-size bath and separate shower, so we designed them next to each other, creating a wet zone which you step up to," explains Chelsea. The Caroma 'Marina' bath fulfills the purpose admirably, with Mizu tapware wallmounted to keep the hob free. The step conceals plumbing and helps to delineate the wet zone from the vanity area. "The kids love that they can splash water out of the bath and not get into trouble," says Melissa. The use of an oversized glass door as a shower screen, cut to fit by the builder, allows the shower zone to reduce in size when not in use. An Ideal Standard 'Tonic' back-to-wall toilet is neatly tucked in next to the shower.

budget breakdown

Floor & wall tiles	\$1305
Vanity unit & cupboard	\$5090
Basin & tapware	\$1378
Showerhead, shelf & mixer	\$712
Bath, bath outlet & mixer	\$829
Toilet	\$643

*Total cost: \$15,500**

Source book

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* Total cost includes labour and fittings. **hb**