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STYLE *splash*

In this *H&G* special, we've curated stylish spaces, with a designer toolkit for timeless results and need-to-know advice when purchasing quality fixtures and fittings for your bathroom.

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BATHHOUSE *rules*

In the mood to renovate? Take the lead from seven sensational bathrooms where looks and luxury meet.

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GROUNDING *retreat*

A Mediterranean essence flows through the parents' zone of a California Bungalow revived by Cadence & Co. This ensuite is awash with matte microcement, earthy tones and handcrafted details. Curved forms create a sense of sanctuary – an escapism reminiscent of a far-off hammam. "The earthy palette brings a deliberate counterpoint to the home's overall brightness," says design principal Michael Kilkeary. "It is a space for calm and softness, a textured space of retreat." cadenceandco.com.au.

Words by Bethan Lacoba. Styling by Chloe McCarthy. Photograph by Felix Mooneeram.



DECO *fusion*

Embracing heritage restrictions and using them as inspiration, Caitlin Parker-Brown of Parker Studio leant into green and highlighted original Art Deco features in this family bathroom. These included the geometric ceiling profile, tile dado line and hob. She admits, "We loved all of the original features, so this wasn't an issue." Seafoam-toned wall tiles, a Willow Green 'Rockwell' pedestal basin and Spearmint marble floor mosaics comprise the cool green palette. Hints of Calacatta Viola marble and Swiss Brass tapware complement the minty hues with gentle contrast.

parkerstudiointerior.com

Build by Robert Plumb Fix. Styling by Kerrie-Ann Jones. Photograph by Jacqui Turk.

CAITLIN'S DESIGN TIP

GO FOR CHARACTER
For distinctive, enduring spaces, embrace what gives your home its character – whether that's a heritage detail or a colour you connect with. Often it's the decisions slightly outside your comfort zone that lead to the best result. ▶

ROOM NOTES *This page* Ceiling in Porter's Paints Frozen. 'Avoca' wall tiles, Skheme. Basin, The Water Monopoly. Tapware, Brodware. Marble mosaic tiles, Surface Gallery. *Opposite* Walls and shower seat in custom microcement, Paul Valentine Surface Finishes. Brodware 'Halo X' hand shower, Just Bathroomware. 'Casablanca' porcelain floor tiles in Biscuit, Surface Gallery.



SERENE *green*

Jade wall tiles take centre stage in this heavenly ensuite. Generous proportions and luxurious details are complemented by thoughtful zoning and smart fixtures, making the space as beautiful as it is practical. Lit from above by an expansive skylight, the freestanding bath sits beside a custom Carrara marble ledge, the perfect perch for a glass of wine or bathroom accessories. lynnebradleyinteriors.com.au

LYNNE'S DESIGN TIPS

CONSIDER LAYOUT
Zoning each function intuitively, allowing for generous movement, will create a sense of calm.

LAYER MATERIALS
Combine stone, glass, timber and metal in varying textures to create depth, warmth and visual interest.

SEE THE LIGHT
Consider both natural and artificial lighting to enhance mood, highlight materials and support daily rituals.

Words by Rachel White. Styling by Olga Lewis. Photograph by Pablo Veiga. Construction by SGD Builders.

Words by Bethan Lacoba. Styling by Jack Milentovic. Photograph by Anson Smart.



LOOKING *class*

Evoking a sense of luxury and playfulness was designer Shona McElroy's aim with this powder room. The only brief the owners gave for a full house renovation was that the design reflects who they are: "fun, loud and colourful, but not over the top". Pink microcement creates an enveloping warmth, while whimsical notes such as a vintage Murano mirror and curved quartzite splashback add personality. "One of the main reasons we chose to work with Shona was her expertise with stone – she absolutely delivered." smacstudio.com.au

ROOM NOTES *This page* Vanity, Bondi Kitchens. Benchtop in leathered Fusion quartzite, Avenza Stone. Tapware, Astra Walker. Custom basin from Morocco. Murano mirror, Secondi. *Opposite* Walls in 'Reves' porcelain tiles in Jade, Di Lorenzo, and painted Porter's Paints Salt Wattle. Bath, Cassa Designs. Tapware, Astra Walker. Stool, Henry Dean. Vanity painted Dulux Ocean Depth, Kastell Kitchens. Floor in honed Carrara marble mosaics, Skheme. ▶

“The best bathrooms balance personality with functionality. Design for how you want to live.”

ALEXANDRA GOURLAY-CRAIG, FOUNDER/CREATIVE DIRECTOR

**ALEX'S
DESIGN TIP**

FOCUS ON FUNCTION

My top inclusions are an overhead rain shower paired with a handheld shower, a vanity with drawers, rather than cupboards, and a shaving cabinet with powerpoints inside to keep toothbrushes and shavers out of sight.

Words by Rachel White. Photograph by Bridie Tompkins.
Construction by Highfield Building.

SPACE to breathe

Soft and refined with a subtle femininity, this ensuite is part of a primary suite and walk-in robe that feels like a private apartment within a family home. Pairing barely there pinks and neutral tones with rich American oak finishes, Alexandra Gourlay-Craig and Lani McKinnon from Vellum Interiors have created a practical and light-filled space tailored precisely to the needs of the professional couple who share it. Natural materials, including marble benchtops and bronze tapware, complete the look.

velluminteriors.com.au

ROOM NOTES Walls painted Porter's Paints Himalayan Salt. Vanity in Farmers Doors Oak Polo Reeded drawer fronts, Middleton Design. Handles, Castella. Benchtop and splashback in Calacatta Estiano marble, Artedomus. Shower walls in Breccia Rosa mosaics, Bisanna Tiles. Tapware, Astra Walker. Bath, DADOquartz. Articolo 'Finì' wall light, Est Living. ▶

MATERIAL *world*

The owners' love of unique stone and nature-soaked living formed the basis for the design of this holiday home ensuite. Working with existing concrete-block walls, Tegan Klusenberg of Studio Joan says, "I selected materials that were complementary to the concrete but that also felt serene, rather than harsh or masculine." Travertine-look tiles, a timber vanity and oceanic Bosco Exotica stone have this softening effect, yet it's the cedar bath that offers the ultimate "moment of peace and tranquillity".

studiojoaninteriors.com

TEGAN'S DESIGN TIPS

EMBRACE COLOUR
Don't forget the ceiling – consider painting it a colour! There are so many options to create something beautiful with any budget.

LEAN INTO TEXTURE
Pair an organic-style element – such as handmade or tumbled marble tiles, or tapware in a living finish – with an exciting stone.

DESIGN NOTES *This page* "The ensuite looks out over the garden, which drove the desire to have a beautiful green stone with lots of fluidity (Bosco Exotica marble from Worldstone), likewise the timber veneer on the vanity by Seaside Joinery," says Tegan. Bath, The Cedar Bath Company. Tapware, Astra Walker. 'Kirribilli' wall and floor tiles in Ivory Matte, TileCloud. Construction by Glen McFarlane Builder. *Opposite* Moroccan zellige wall tiles in Igloo and Savannah Antique marble floor tiles, all Surface Gallery. Vanity in American walnut. Benchtop/shelf in Calacatta Viola Monet marble, The Art of Marble. Tapware in Aged Brass, Astra Walker.

ANGELA'S DESIGN TIPS

MAKE IT TIMELESS
If aiming for a classic scheme, avoid daring trends. Choose a select few quality pieces and let materials lead the way. Make every detail count.

HANDLE WITH CARE
Zellige tiles are beautifully imperfect, so be prepared to embrace character if you use them. To maintain over time, clean with gentle cleaners, soft cloths and go slow to save your hands from the uneven edges.

CARTE *blanche*

A complete reconfiguration was in order for a once awkward, now serene family bathroom in Sydney's inner north. Interior designer Angela Brooks decided from the outset that materiality and flow were the keys to a zen space. "Calacatta Viola marble was the starting point, anchoring the room, with all materials selected in response," she says. These include handcrafted snow-white zellige tiles that softly reflect light through the day, Savannah Antique marble underfoot, with a rich American walnut vanity and aged brass tapware adding warmth and depth. "The result is a calm, beautiful space that feels closer to a spa than a family bathroom." angelabrooksinteriors.com **H&G**

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