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# DREAM BATHROOMS

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*With ample space and exquisite furnishings, this imposing bathroom doubles as an elegant dressing room and a place to relax*



Art Deco-inspired lighting and luxurious fittings meet the owner's request for "vintage Hollywood-style glamour".



## INSIDE STORY

**THE PROPERTY** A seven-bedroom Grade I-listed Georgian hall in Lancashire.

**THE PROJECT** A bedroom was transformed into a showpiece master bathroom, without permanently altering any original features.

**BATHROOM SIZE** 5x5m.

**THE DESIGNER** Kim Warburton, KW Interiors, 01524 273869, [kwinteriors.co.uk](http://kwinteriors.co.uk).

The owners of this historic stately home had patiently waited several years for it to come back on the market, after losing a previous attempt to buy. "By the time they got the keys it had fallen into disrepair," says interior designer Kim Warburton, who worked alongside Mason Gillibrand Architects on the three-year restoration. "English Heritage stipulates all alterations to be totally reversible, with minimal damage to the existing fabric of the building. For this bathroom, the delicate plastered ceiling of the room below needed extra care."

## LAYOUT

In transforming this bright, generous space from bedroom to bathroom, the bath and shower were positioned together nearest the window that offered the best views. This layout confined the new plumbing to one area and also reduced disruption. An original fireplace and a redundant doorway were then concealed behind false panelling. "It wasn't an easy decision, but paring back provided a calmer space and left more room for the built-in dressing area that the clients requested," explains Kim.

## FURNITURE

An island unit with a combination of painted and walnut finishes helps to separate the dressing and bathing zones. Storage is split to house towels and toiletries on one side, with drawers for clothing on the other. The adjacent wardrobe elevation, featuring a mix of open and closed storage, has the same Georgian-inspired door and cornice design.

## SURFACES

Arabescato Corchia marble was chosen for its timeless elegance and the availability of large format slabs that minimise the number of fixings to the wall. It has been raised to conceal the plumbing as well as a steel support that helps protect the ceiling below from the weight of the stone and fittings. "The owners like the softness of carpet in bathrooms, but its use here also responds to the 'total reversibility' edict. Carpet is much easier to remove than tiles," says Kim.



**ABOVE** A single chair, upholstered in burnt orange velvet, adds a pop of colour to the mainly neutral scheme, while simple, understated linen blinds do not detract from the garden views. **BELOW** The precise width of the shower was determined by the two superlatively bookmatched Arabescato Corchia marble panels.



## FITTINGS

While mid-range brands have been used elsewhere in their home, the owners wanted the best for this bathroom. "Drummonds offers superior quality and finish, and the fittings we chose are slightly oversized so they work particularly well with the grand proportions of the space," say Kim.

## LIGHTING AND ACCESSORIES

Bold accent colours, supplied by framed prints of emerald green succulents and an orange velvet chair, were introduced to lift the otherwise pale palette. The feature pendants are a clever reworking of three clear acrylic shades from The White Company. "We rewired them with vintage-look fixtures and added a plaster ceiling rose," says Kim. "They lend an Art Deco touch that suits the ambience of the room perfectly."

## WHERE TO BUY

**FURNITURE** Bespoke island and wardrobes. Penyard, [penyardconstruction.co.uk](http://penyardconstruction.co.uk).

**FITTINGS** The Tamar bath, from £3,510; The Mull Classic bath taps and H stand, £2,664; Eden low level WC with standard seat, £2,346; Single Lowther vanity basin, £4,020; The Coll basin mixer, £1,170; Carron shower with wall arm and rose, £3,024; all Drummonds, [drummonds-uk.com](http://drummonds-uk.com).

**SURFACES** Arabescato Corchia marble, The Thomas Group, [thesurfacecollection.co.uk](http://thesurfacecollection.co.uk). Panelling in Mid Pearl 168, eggshell, £61 for 2.5 litres, Little Greene, [littlegreene.com](http://littlegreene.com). Natural Weave Hexagon wool carpet, £101/sq m, Jacaranda, [jacarandacarpet.com](http://jacarandacarpet.com).

**ACCESSORIES** Nicolai chair, £455, Oka, [oka.com](http://oka.com). Oval tilt mirror, £828, Drummonds, [drummonds-uk.com](http://drummonds-uk.com). Succulents framed prints, £563 each, Trowbridge Gallery, [trowbridgegallery.com](http://trowbridgegallery.com). Narrow Pillar wall lights, £429 each, Original BTC, [originalbtc.com](http://originalbtc.com). Deco Chandelier shades, £120 each, The White Company, [thewhitecompany.com](http://thewhitecompany.com).