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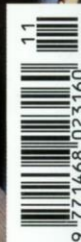
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A dramatic chandelier and roll-top bath extend the luxury look. Wye large bateau cast-iron bath with a polished finish, from £3,570; Mull classic bath and shower mixer on an H-stand support, £2,628; Five-bar floor-mounted towel rail, from £2,742, all Drummonds



Perfect CONNECTION

An en-suite bathroom is the ultimate addition to a master suite. Carefully planning the decor will ensure the space will flow seamlessly from one area to the next

There is something quite luxurious about having an en-suite bathroom. Leading from the master bedroom and possibly a dressing area, too, it offers an ideal space to prepare for the day ahead as well as to unwind in at the end of the day.

The key to making the scheme flow from one space to the next lies in the careful planning of the interior decor. Whilst it is imperative to take time over the layout and the fixtures and fittings, such as sanitaryware, brassware, heating and so forth, it is equally necessary to visualise the whole en suite in terms of design and decor. After all, the most successful en-suite bathrooms are sumptuous, inviting and comfortable, rather than simply providing a space in which to perform daily ablutions.

"The most important thing I try to do with en-suite bathrooms is to make them a real room using wooden flooring, decorative wall lights with soft fabric shades, antique rugs and proper curtains," says Henriette von Stockhausen, co-founder of VSP Interiors. "This in itself is a continuation of the bedroom. I also make sure there is something soft and comfortable to sit on, and a table on which to place flowers and beautiful bits and pieces. I always include art and picture lighting as one would in a bedroom and, if possible, a fireplace. I try to avoid any technology in bathrooms but if absolutely needed we try and hide it as it spoils the cosy, comfortable country house look we are trying to achieve. Often, wallpaper is used to complement the bedroom treatment or we use a specialist paint finish to make the room extra special." ►

ABOVE RIGHT This calming en-suite bathroom has a mirrored vanity cupboard – made to order by specialist joiners – paired with a twin-basin vanity with a splashback and countertop in polished Cararra marble from London Marble. The polished nickel taps and frame are by CP Hart. £POA, *Cave Interiors*

RIGHT To make an en-suite bathroom feel like an extension of the bedroom, add wallpaper and upholstered furniture. Wallpaper, *Indienne in Document*, £65.52 a metre (width 136cm), *Lewis & Wood*

