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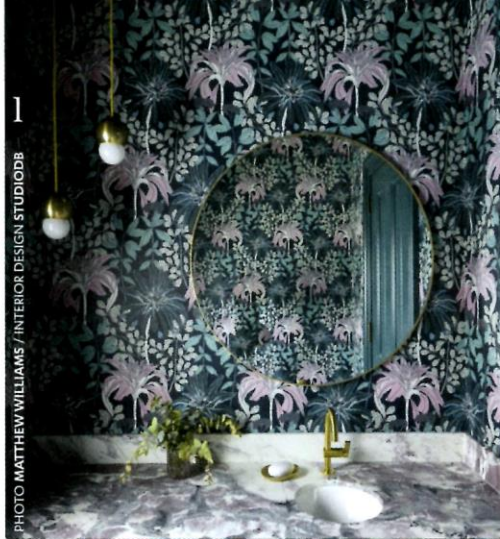
BATHROOM

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While crisp, white bathrooms come with a sense of tranquility, if you desire something a little more extroverted, break tradition through **maximalism**. Fill your bathroom with wild, striking prints, vivid colours and flamboyant features to create an inspiring space, and envelope yourself within an utterly fabulous and unique atmosphere.

1 PHOTO MATTHEW WILLIAMS / INTERIOR DESIGN STUDIOS



INSPIRATIONS

1 Mathilda Midnight wallpaper, £95 per 10m roll, Abigail Borg **2** Lily Pad encaustic pattern tile in Eden, £3.96 each, Ca'Pietra **3** Tweed bath with a gloss painted exterior, from £3,420; the Leawood floorstanding bath and shower mixer in brass, from £3,090; freestanding towel rail in brass, from £4,620, Drummonds **4** Opera d'Arte Marble, from £1,100 per sq. m, Gerald Culliford **5** Adriana basin, £850, London Basin Company; Brooklyn wall-mounted basin taps, The Watermark Collection

SHOP THE LOOK

Aurora Bijoux bathtub in Pure Black gloss with Light Gold Sfera feet in indigo, £12,797, Devon&Devon

Raja tasselled, patterned bath mat, £44, Anthropologie

Fish scale mosaic green tiles, from £120 per sq. m, Otto Tiles & Design

Solid brass Indian tiger door handle, £40, Yonder Living

Matthew Williamson Jaipur jewel large candle, £140, Pad Lifestyle

Cygne rim mounted three-hole basin mixer and pop-up waste, from £1,222, THG Paris

VANITY FOCUS

If a classic bathroom vanity is on your bathroom lust list, why not opt for a contemporary twist on a traditional style with The Taw Double Vanity in Verde Guatemala marble with an antique brushed brass finish and a bottom shelf (shown), from £7,182, or choose a nickel finish with Arabescato marble for a subtle statement, Drummonds.



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ABSTRACT VOLUME

Agape with Fez single basin mixer, £849, West One Bathrooms



AMBIENT GLOW

Trinity light tall cone, from £354, Porter Bathroom



ON THE WALL

Moderna white porcelain towel rail, from £352 for the small size, Balineum

GOOD FORTUNE

For a truly calming atmosphere, surround yourself with hand drawn Japanese koi, which are meant to symbolise luck, prosperity and good fortune. The Flow wallpaper, pictured in Black, £50 per roll from Graham & Brown, creates a dark, enveloping space with lots of character, but for a slightly lighter approach, the Mist version is an oh-so dreamy neutral option.



A photograph of a bathroom with a bathtub, a vanity with a sink, a mirror, and a fluffy stool. The room features a white wall, a large mirror, a white bathtub, a white vanity with a sink, a white fluffy stool, and a white robe hanging on a hook. The floor is covered in white hexagonal tiles. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a cozy atmosphere.

Classically MODERN

*Luxurious marble, soft nickel
and classic design create
timeless style in Alyssa and
Scott Penwell's en suite*

PHOTOS *Darren Chung* | WORDS *Victoria Hrstic*

LOOKING GLASS

Secret storage behind the mirrors and open shelving under the vanity ensures the room feels open and spacious whilst still working practically

SHINY SURFACE

The double Ladybower vanity is Alyssa's favourite part of her bathroom, combining her love of Arabescato marble with stylish symmetry



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aving previously shared a family bathroom with their two young daughters, and all their bath toys, when Alyssa and Scott Penwell came to design their own master en suite the onus was on a clean, clear and clutter-free space. The couple, both originally from

America, had bought their Victorian home in Fulham, south west London, knowing it was in desperate need of repair, with a vision to practically re-build the property aside from the original front façade, extending and reconfiguring the layout in the process. By shrinking the master bedroom slightly and sacrificing another bedroom, they were able to create a spacious walk-in wardrobe and find the necessary room for their all-important bathroom en suite. 'It was a balancing act because we wanted a nice master bathroom as well as a decent sized closet without borrowing too much space from the bedroom,' remembers Alyssa. 'When it came to the bathroom layout we literally wanted everything – a double sink, a big shower and a large bath, as well as

for the room to retain that spacious feel.'

With help from interior designer Summer Williams, the couple found the style and luxury craftsmanship of Drummonds furniture fitted both the space and tone of their home perfectly. 'We were originally drawn towards a built-in bath but Summer convinced us a standalone design would make the room look more spacious and less pinched,' explains Alyssa. The result is positively roomy, with the Usk bath and its beautiful hammered finish sitting prettily alongside the Ladybower double sink unit with Arabescato marble matching large slabs of the same stone in the shower. A contrasting chevron mosaic of Thassos marble tiles on the floor continues the bathroom's balance of classic and contemporary design.

Clever lighting and storage ensure this grown-up haven is warm, clutter-free and child-safe, too. 'We've tried to keep the Victorian style of the house and the master bathroom reflects this feeling by mixing traditional furniture with a modern feel,' adds Alyssa. 'It feels very luxurious, the design is timeless and the lighting is beautiful – I feel very fortunate when I walk in here in the morning.'



DESIGN PROFILE

The double Ladybower vanity basin with Arabescato marble and Usk bath from Drummonds give a fresh spin on classic design, enhanced by elegant Chessleton nickel fixtures throughout. Large format Arabescato marble slabs create a statement in the shower, contrasting with clean Thassos marble tiles in a chevron mosaic on the floor.



ALL IN PLACE

Sleek furniture keeps the room spacious while extra design details, like the Arabescato marble trim around the base of the shower and a lantern light in the same nickel as the fixtures, tie the scene together

‘Wet rooms aren’t as common in America, so we brought a little of the marble around the shower to define the space’



Q&A

SUMMER WILLIAMS

FOUNDER OF SUMMER WILLIAMS DESIGN

What was the couple’s brief? The couple have a penchant for traditional English design, yet both were born and raised in America where master bathrooms tend to have the luxury of space. We wanted to make the room feel larger than it was, with the amenity of a freestanding bath and double vanity, and also add a sense of sophistication through materials and fittings that complemented the traditional structure and story of the home.

How did you ensure the bathroom is ultra-practical, as well as good looking? I am a big believer in thinking about storage very specifically – if the daily essentials have a place to go it becomes much more functional. We incorporated

inset medicine cabinets behind his and hers mirrors and a niche in the shower for products, to keep everything tucked away and the space feeling as open and clean as possible. Symmetry was top priority with the vanity so the mirrors, lights, and taps all work in alignment, and it was critical for the bath to be centred below the window.

What’s your favourite part of the design? I have major bath envy! By positioning the bath under the window it enhanced the style of the tub making it a feature and focal point upon entering the room. With the help of lighting consultants Studio EG, we incorporated small up-lights between the bath and the wall creating the most romantic warm glow.

NEXT STEP

'It's wise to approach an en suite with a sense of timelessness so that if the colours of the bedroom are updated it will still feel connected,' advises Summer

STOCKISTS

Usk **bath** with a polished and lacquered exterior, from £3,570; Chessleton wall mounted three-hole bath mixer **taps**, from £2,226; double Ladybower **vanity basin** with Arabescato Marble, from £8,340; Chessleton lever three-hole basin mixer **taps**, from £1,350; The Rother wall mounted **toilet** (not pictured), from £1,494; Chessleton thermostatic **shower plate** and one way, from £1,896; On/Off **shower control**, from £648 and **hand shower** with wall bracket, from £426; Mull Classic wall mounted **shower arm** with 200mm shower rose, £684; Robe **hook**, from £54, all Drummonds. Arabescato Vagli **marble slabs**, from £707 per sq. m; Thassos AAA marble Hungarian Point floor **tiles**, from £671 per sq. m, both Lapidica. Turin **lantern** in nickel, £2,605, Richard Taylor Designs. Addair wall mounted single **sconce** with glass shade, £1,035, Waterworks. Everdon tall **mirror** in a silver nickel finish, £414 each, Porter Bathroom. **For stockists see page 156**

Get the look

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SOFT AND SUBTLE

A luxurious palette of silver and white makes for a clean and crisp space to relax in, with the additional comfort of a few pink and tactile luxuries.

THE KEY ITEMS

1 Large natural sea sponge by The Hackney Draper, £22, Trouva **2** White marble Malie soap dispenser, £20, made.com **3** Waffle knit cotton towel, from £4.99, Zara Home **4** The Double Lowther vanity basin, from £7,140, Drummonds **5** Stainless steel extendable bath rack, £40, John Lewis & Partners **6** Zahra Baa sheepskin stool, £235, Lime Lace **7** Sea cliff lake street matt tile, £55 per sq. m, Claybrook **8** Cheltenham wall light, £190, Jim Lawrence **9** Bevelled edge wall mirror rectangle, from £129, Heal's.

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