

CLEAN SWEEP

Rethinking your bathroom or laundry? We've gathered the ideas and inspiration, all you need do is soak them up

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Bathroom designed by Natalie Du Bois of Du Bois Design. Ovo vanity unit by Michel César in specialised colour by Du Bois Design; Venis Block Abete Bianco tiles from Jacobsen; Hansgrohe Metris S tap; (on glass shelf) candles owner's own; **shower cream** \$28.50 by Compagnie de Provence; nail polish owner's own; Aesop Resurrection **hand wash**; skull **soap** \$14.90 from Corso de' Fiori; sea **sponge** \$22.90 by Compagnie de Provence; (on sink) Azalea **bath mat** \$29.90 and black skull **soap** \$14.90, both from Corso de' Fiori; Olive Oil liquid hand **soap** \$36 by Compagnie de Provence; (on bottom shelf) Azalea **face cloths** \$4.90 each and Azalea **bath sheet** \$49.90, all from Corso de' Fiori. Thank you to Kelly Moore for the use of her bathroom.

THE MODERN BATHROOM comes in many guises. It may be a quirky powder room for guests, a hardworking scrubbing zone for the children or a relaxing sanctuary for grown-ups. With separate uses for different people, each bathroom will have its own mood and style; the materials and fittings for one will not necessarily suit another. Following our research into the world of contemporary bathrooms, we've assembled a grab bag of ideas and inspirations to translate your dreams into reality.

3 FRESH IDEAS

1 AXOR STARCK ORGANIC TAPS

Designed by Philippe Starck, these sculptural Hansgrohe taps (see far right) reflect the contours and shapes found in nature and use a sparing 3.5 litres per minute, without compromising the experience. Their organic, minimalist form incorporates separate controls for water flow and temperature.

2 WALL TREATMENTS

Today's bathrooms are likely to feature a single fully tiled wall (see right) that shouts, or at least suggests, drama and glamour. Consider Italian Bisazza glass mosaic tiles or RAK Ceramics' Paradox range, which offers a brushed metal effect with the easy care and durability of a porcelain tile. Clad the remaining walls in plain, large-format, matt tiles or simply paint with Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen Kitchen and Bathroom.

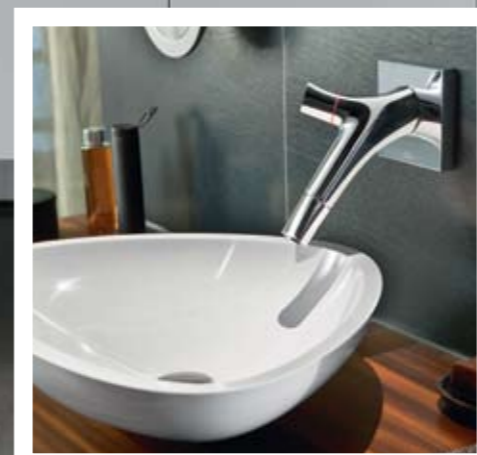
3 BLURRED LINES

The demarcation between master bedroom and en suite is softening. Generous sliding doors between the rooms open to create an unfettered environment. Statement baths such as Victoria + Albert's free-standing Cabrits model, made of naturally white Quarrycast (a cast mineral crystal composite) and strikingly contoured to fit the shape of the body, may even be installed somewhere near the foot of the bed, transforming the act of bathing from mere ablution to sacred beauty ritual. >

INSET (from left) Crystal Mosaic glazed ceramic tiles (available from Jacobsen) add an injection of colour. The minimal yet sensual lines of Hansgrohe's Axor Starck Organic taps were designed to blend with a variety of bathroom styles, plus they're frugal with water.



Bathroom designed by Megan Edwards of Megan Edwards Architects. Buffed and sealed concrete floors; Tablo vanity and Happy Hour basin, both by Michel César; Kludi Zenta basin mixer; **moisturiser** and **body cream**, both \$43.92 by Geoskincare; soy **candle** \$19.95 from The Green House; Ridge **hurricane lamp** (used as vase) \$16.90 and Shaggy Twist **hand towel** (right) \$15.50, both from Citta Design; (on sink) liquid hand **soap** \$25.90 by Compagnie de Provence. Thanks to David and Rachel Callander for the use of their bathroom.



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PERFECT POWDER ROOMS

Compact and often containing simply a hand basin, mirror and toilet, the powder room is typically used mainly by guests. In this, the littlest room of the house, there's the opportunity to introduce individuality and indulge your sense of fun.

MAKE A STATEMENT

A glittering chandelier, oversized mirror, patterned wallpaper or all three at once will add the requisite drama. The English are masters of creating eccentric powder rooms that often feature framed cartoons, piles of magazines, books of crosswords and even the daily newspaper.

ART CERAM COW MUCCATO

This extroverted wall-hung basin (see below left) is finished with a striking monochromatic cow-print design that's equally at home in an industrial urban environment and in the country. There's even a matching loo if required. Art Ceram is distributed in New Zealand by Robertson.

LITTLE LUXURIES

Take your cue from upmarket hotels and lodges by including a shelf with indulgent treats: a scented candle, fragrant hand lotion and a small stack of rolled-up face cloths for drying hands. >

TOP LEFT In Amanda Holland's bathroom (see more of her home on page 26), Designers Guild's Rugosa Garden wallpaper becomes a wall-sized work of art.

LEFT For a real point of difference, consider the playful, funky style of Art Ceram's Cow Muccato wall-hung basin and matching loo.

BELOW The nubby, basket-weave texture of these Venis tiles (available from Jacobsen) lifts the sleek black and white theme.





LEFT Venis Hills Blanco 333mm x 1000mm wall tiles add an extra dimension to a predominantly white bathroom; the floor tiles are Venis Montana Ash, 193mm x 1200mm; both tiles available from Jacobsen.

REINVIGORATING RETREATS

Recreate the ambience of an upmarket spa with flickering scented candles, luxurious robes, organic shapes, soothing hues and earthy materials such as wood, marble and stone. In pursuit of abundant natural light and fresh air, some luxury bathrooms even open out onto a private landscaped courtyard.

NATURE'S INFLUENCE

Consider VCBC's bath in tactile natural stone, Bagno Design's Zen stone basin (available from Robertson) and Heritage Tiles' Natural Stone range which, thanks to inkjet printing technology, recreates the subtle variation in pattern and colouring of natural materials on easy-care porcelain tiles. In celebration of nature's bounty, Hansgrohe's Axor Massaud bathroom mixers dispense water via a "soft gush jet" that's reminiscent of a waterfall.

G-FULL BY HATRIA

It looks like a bench that would be at home in the Zen-like surrounds of a luxury spa, but lift up the solid-strip wooden top to reveal a toilet and a bidet in one single ceramic surface. It's an innovative space-saving device that disguises the functional elements beneath while providing a convenient location for your towel or clothes as you wash.

ARTFUL ACCESSORIES

Remove clutter such as soap bottles and glasses from benchtops by choosing wall-mounted accessories. Cosmic's classic Architect range by Michel César offers chrome-finish wall-mounted soap dispensers, glass holders and toilet brush holders. >

LEFT (clockwise from top left) Nikau tile \$143.75/sqm from ROXX; (under tile) duster/face cloth \$10.50 from Father Rabbit; (under cloth) Bestwood Melamine woodgrain samples available from Bespoke on Khyber; Melange mixer and small face plate \$329 from Robertson; (patterned mosaic) Decor8 tile POA from Jacobsen; (plain white) Virtue tile \$143.75/sqm from ROXX; Mono basin mixer \$299 from Robertson; (under tap) Fouta towel in Slate \$62 from Father Rabbit; soy candle \$19.95 from The Green House; (under candle) Murat Vanilla bevelled tiles \$81.95/sqm from Heritage Tiles; handle through Bespoke on Khyber; Emperor dark marble sample through Bespoke on Khyber; face brush \$18 from Father Rabbit; soy candle as before; white mosaic tiles \$81.95/sqm from Heritage Tiles; (on mosaics) Decor8 Antique Copper tiles POA from Jacobsen; Caesarstone Cracked Pepper quartz sample through Bespoke on Khyber; (centre) hand and body wash \$14.95 from The Green House.

THIS PAGE (clockwise from top left) Black Mist marble sample (half seen) through Bespoke on Khyber; Vogue tile (base tile) \$200/sqm from Jacobsen; (on base tile) Blackened Linewood Laminex in Flint finish available through Bespoke on Khyber; (under soap) Pacific tile \$143.75/sqm from ROXX; Triumph & Disaster soap \$12 from Corso de' Fiori; (top right) Bisazza Smalto white mosaic tiles POA from Jacobsen; (large brown base tile) Pietra Piasentina Boccia tile \$139/sqm from Heritage Tiles; (grey mosaics) Bisazza Le Gemme mosaic tiles POA from Jacobsen; (on grey mosaics) handles through Bespoke on Khyber; Zucchetti basin mixer \$1389 from Robertson; Old Fashioned shaving cream \$29 and Triumph & Disaster Gameface moisturiser (box and tube pictured separately) \$63, both from Corso de' Fiori; Laminex Smokey Flint-finish sample available through Bespoke on Khyber; (on laminex) Toi Toi tile \$143.75/sqm from ROXX; Portsea striped bath mat \$24.95 from Freedom; Coffee Brown marble sample (half seen) through Bespoke on Khyber; Decor8 cream, grey and white mosaic tiles POA from Jacobsen; Fresh 1 single-function shower kit \$165 from Robertson; (centre) skull soap \$14.90 from Corso de' Fiori.



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ABOVE (clockwise from top left) Graffiti Corda **tile** (base tile) \$35.95/tile from Heritage Tiles; **face cloth** in Glacier \$6.95 from Freedom; **night cream** \$43.92 from Geoskincare; all handles through Bespoke on Khyber; (under tap) Silestone Lyra **sample** through Bespoke on Khyber; Victoriana pillar **taps** (top and bottom) \$165/pair from Robertson; Silestone Gris Expo **sample** through Bespoke on Khyber; Studio Hall **soap** \$26 from Father Rabbit; Carrara honed wall **tiles** \$39.95/sheet from Heritage Tiles; **cleansing gel** \$39.85 from Geoskincare; Bisazza Smalto mosaic **tiles** \$399/sqm from Jacobsen; **pumice stones** on rope \$14.40 each from Father Rabbit; (under one stone) Superwhite Granite **sample** through Bespoke on Khyber; Decor8 mosaic **tiles** POA from Jacobsen; (on mosaics) Silestone Yukon Blanco **sample** through Bespoke on Khyber; (centre left) bevelled white **door** in satin lacquer through Bespoke on Khyber; XL Space **Slide Shower** \$1365 from Robertson; (under handle) Bestwood **Melamine** woodgrain in Basalt through Bespoke on Khyber. >

Neutral tones teamed with natural textures and crisp white create a soothing bathroom space

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LEFT (clockwise from top left) Fouta **towel** \$67.50 from Father Rabbit; white mosaic **tiles** POA from Jacobsen; (on white mosaics) blue mosaic **tiles** POA from Jacobsen; **succulents** from The National Flower Promotions Group; **Caesarstone** Ice Snow benchtop sample through Bespoke on Khyber; larger blue mosaic **tiles** POA from Jacobsen; pegs stylist's own; Pan **basin mixer** \$768 from Robertson; Seaglass **tile** \$143.75/sqm from ROXX; Studio Hall **linen water** \$49 from Father Rabbit; Bisazza mosaic **tiles** POA from Jacobsen; Lagoon **tile** \$143.75/sqm from ROXX; Bisazza mosaic **tiles** POA from Jacobsen; Studio Hall **room and sheet spray** \$49 from Father Rabbit; door **handles** through Bespoke on Khyber; Neo Modern **mixer** \$179 from Robertson; Bisazza mosaic **tiles** POA from Jacobsen; Cobalt Marine **tiles** (just seen) POA from Jacobsen.

SMART LAUNDRIES

CONSIDER LOGISTICS

The ideal laundry comprises three distinct zones: a dedicated area, complete with cane baskets or pull-out hampers for dirty clothes; purpose-built shelves for piles of clean washing and a workspace that may contain a large tub, sturdy bench and ironing board. If your household layout permits, a chute that delivers clothes from a family bathroom directly to the laundry is the ultimate convenience.

VERSATILE TAPS

Designed especially with laundries in mind, the Axor Uno² wall mixer features an integrated telescopic spout that pulls out and swivels to give increased range around the sink for those awkward jobs such as filling buckets or large vases.

DRYING CABINETS

Today's smartest laundries are equipped with drying cabinets – according to industry insiders, they just might become the new clothesline. Asko's DC7573 drying cabinet (pictured on page 152) is convenient, environmentally friendly, easy on the electricity – and houses the equivalent of 16m-worth of clothesline. >

LEFT Laundry designed by Natalie Du Bois of Dubois Design. Granite benchtop and splashback Notte Cielo honed and enhanced granite; Triflow Orbiq pewter-finish tap; Blanco Subline undermounted sink in Anthracite finish; Verve **soap dispenser** \$19.95 from Freedom; linen stack, from top: Organic **tea towel** \$16.95 and Colourworks set of four **tea towels** \$17.95, all from Milly's; white **face cloth** in Glacier \$6.95 and Sanctuary **bath towel** in Greystone \$24.95, both from Freedom; (in basket) white **face cloth** \$6.95 from Freedom; (in washer) Portsea **bath mat** in Graphite \$24.95 from Freedom; vase, candle, books and basket owner's own. Thank you to Cos and Judith Bruyn for the use of their laundry.





LEFT Laundry designed by Natalie Du Bois of Du Bois Design. Asko condenser dryer (under bench) and drying cabinet (right); Lancashire tub; Diamond 300 x 600 wall tiles from Heritage Tiles; Wave Grey 600 x 600 floor tiles from Tile Warehouse; base cabinets in Laminex Oyster Linea; wall cabinets and shelving Fossil Flint laminate finish; (on bench) Parc **laundry powder tin** (back) \$34.95 and Parc **sink caddy** \$18.45, both from Freedom; (in caddy) **linen water** \$19.90 and raw **soap** cube (by sink) \$9.90, both by Compagnie de Provence; (on top shelf) jar owner's own; **linen water** (refill) \$29.90 and **delicate wash** \$35.50, both by Compagnie de Provence; (second shelf) vases owner's own; raw **soap** cube as before; (bottom shelf, from top) Sanctuary **face cloth** in Glacier \$6.95 from Freedom; Vertical velour **face cloth** \$5.90, Vertical **hand towel** \$15.50 and Vertical **bath towel** \$44.50, all from Citta Design; Jumbo bamboo square **basket** (on floor) \$179.80 from Citta Design; (in basket) Vertical velour **hand towel** \$15.50 from Citta Design; flower jug owner's own; T-shirt and hanger stylist's own. Thank you to Kelly Moore for the use of her laundry. ■

RIGHT Laundry designed by Joanne Godding of Bespoke on Khyber. Bosch Logixx 8 washing machine; **dishwashing liquid** \$28 from Father Rabbit; spray **linen water** \$19.90 by Compagnie de Provence; towels (from top): Vertical velour **hand towel** \$15.50 from Citta Design; waffle **bath towel** from \$36 from Corso de' Fiori; washboard and canisters owner's own. Thank you to Robyn and Greg for the use of their laundry.



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