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DESIGNING YOUR FIRST BATHROOM

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A close-up photograph of two hands cupped together, holding a stream of water. The water is falling into a pool of water below, creating ripples. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting like a stream or forest. The lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the texture of the water and the skin of the hands.

The thought of undertaking a bathroom renovation can be quite intimidating. But by making a list of your priorities and following a few simple steps, your journey towards a brand new bathroom can be quite an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Browsing through Pinterest, home design magazines and visiting showrooms will provide you with some great inspiration and unique design ideas for your new bathroom. In the initial planning stages, important elements to consider include your available floor space and what you need to fit into your bathroom, how much storage space you require, the location of existing plumbing, windows and doors, the needs of yourself and any other members of your household, and your preferred style and colour scheme.

But perhaps the most crucial aspect of your new bathroom design is ensuring that the space suits **you** and **your lifestyle**.



BUDGET

For couples doing up their first home, a well-planned bathroom renovation can certainly avoid any hidden costs and add significantly to the resale value of the home. Try and utilise the existing plumbing layout in your design and select fixtures and fittings that will complement the size and design style of the space.

Setting a budget is an important step when undertaking any renovation or build and it should be used as a guide throughout the selection process.



STYLE

Bathroom renovation starts with the choice of a style and colour scheme. The overall theme of your home should drive the style you choose for your bathroom space. White remains the most popular colour choice for bathrooms. However, bolder colours are also finding their way into this space through paint, wallpaper, tiles and tapware. To ensure your bathroom has a timeless look and feel, consider starting with a neutral base and adding touches of colour through your choice of accessories, fixtures and fittings.

TILES



The tiles you choose will set the tone for your entire bathroom renovation. Today there is a seemingly limitless range of tiles to choose from in different colours, shapes, sizes and textures.

TIMELESS - Classic white and earthy tones have stood the test of time when it comes to the bathroom space. If you prefer the minimal look, this colour palette works perfectly.

TEXTURE - Textured tiles are perfect for those looking to add character to the bathroom without having to use bold, bright colours. Layer different textures by using contrasting finishes for accent tiles and feature walls. With so many options to choose from, shiny gloss to a fresh matte, raw designs with rough surfaces for that urban industrial edge or perhaps even 3D styles to add an abstract element to the space.

MOOD - Think about how you want to feel when you are in your bathroom, and how you want others to feel when they walk into the space; this is a great basis for your colour selection. Earthy tones and pale blues can create a soothing effect, while dark bathrooms add a sense of mystery.

BATH

Incorporating a bath into your new bathroom is a great way to create a sense of luxury and add resale value down the track. If your space is a bit limited but you love the look of a freestanding bath, consider a back to wall bath, which gives the look of a freestanding bath but sits flush against the wall.

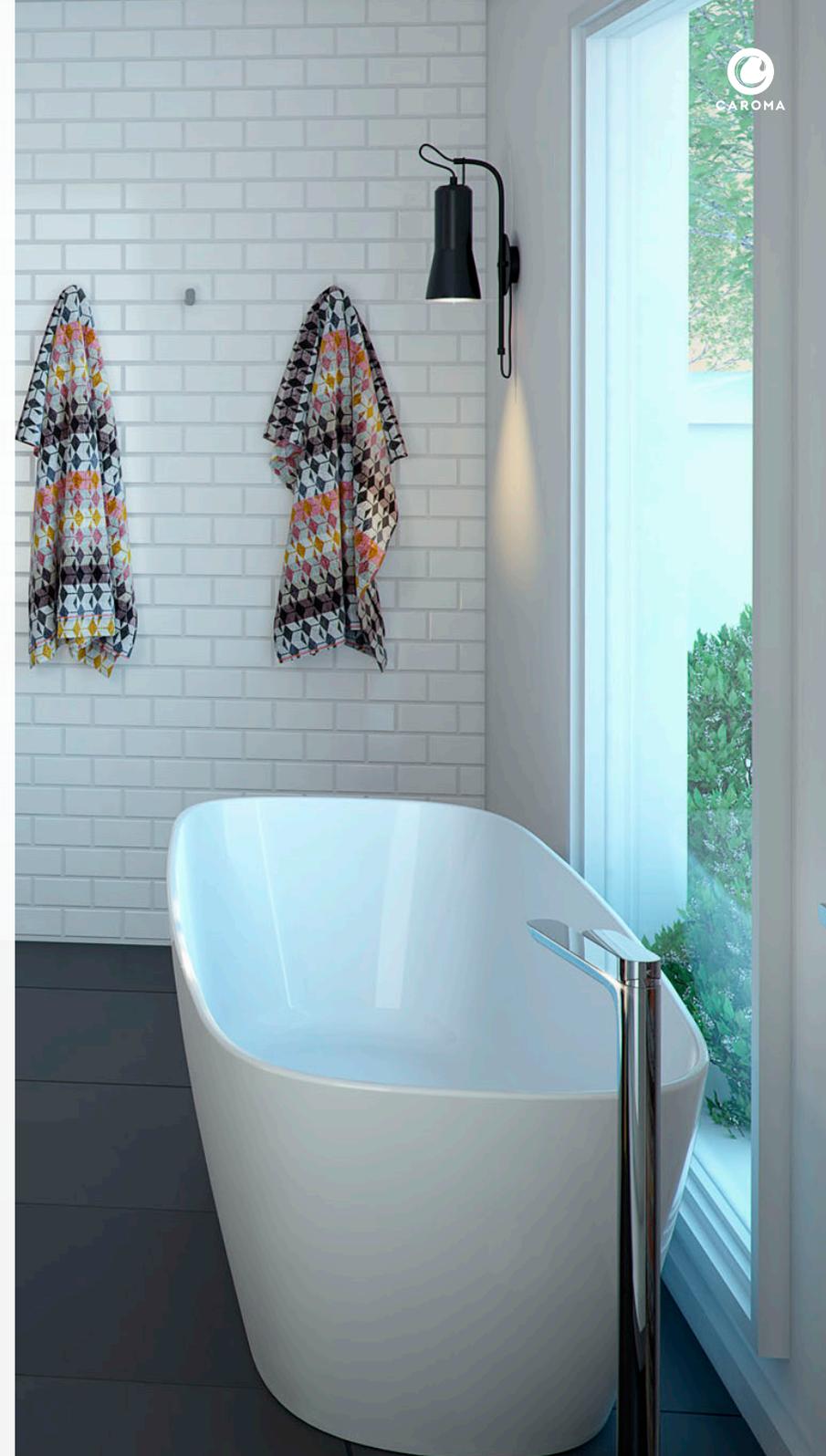
Choose a style that suits you:

FREESTANDING BATH - Freestanding baths are now available in multiple sizes, which is great for smaller bathroom spaces. This will be the focal point of the bathroom, the hero piece - creating an indulgent bathroom oasis.

BACK TO WALL FREESTANDING BATH - This is another fantastic choice for those wanting the look of a freestanding bath, although it will sit flush against the wall. This will not only save space, it also makes cleaning easier with the back to wall positioning.

ISLAND BATH - An island bath sits on a tiled 'island' this is a contemporary style bath, suitable for most bathrooms.

FOUR TILE FLANGE BATHS - This style is necessary for a bath that will also be used as a shower. It works to re-direct the shower spray run-off directly back into the bath without the moisture damaging the walls.



SHOWER

To complement your luxurious bath, explore the latest designs in adjustable showers. Not only do they incorporate water-saving technology, some designs have the added functionality of a flexible hand shower, which also makes cleaning the shower a breeze.



- A. **RAIL SHOWERS** - easy slide adjustable height, convenient for households needing to accommodate different heights.
- B. **OVERHEAD RAIN SHOWERS** - shower experience, giving the sensation of standing in a downpour.
- C. **HAND SHOWERS** - providing added functionality in addition to a fixed shower head option.
- D. **ADJUSTABLE SHOWERS** - adjustable shower arm, allowing added flexibility.
- E. **FIXED SHOWERS** - a fixed shower arm with a pivoting head either from the wall or ceiling.

- A. Essence Rail Shower with Overhead
- B. Track Overhead Rain Shower with Straight Shower Arm
- C. Ecco Aquasoft 95 Hand Shower
- D. Quatro Adjustable Shower
- E. Ecco XL 180 Fixed Wall Shower

Right:
Liano Nexus Multifunction Rail Shower with Overhead
Liano Nexus Bath/Shower Mixer



BASIN

With a wide variety of basin designs available it can be difficult to know which basin will suit your personal style and needs. The inset basin is a great alternative to an above counter option, as it still sits slightly above the basin, adding a designer look. Multiple basins are perfect for busy couples or those looking to add a sense of luxury to the space.

WALL BASINS - a space saving option for smaller bathrooms and powder rooms.

INSET BASINS - a great option for contemporary bathrooms, sitting slightly above the vanity for a stylish on trend look.

SEMI-RECESSED BASINS - allow extra storage room under the vanity unit.

UNDER COUNTER (DROP IN) VANITY BASINS - create a clean seamless design.

ABOVE COUNTER - a stylish design that sits on top of the vanity. This design can also compensate for low counters in the bathroom.



TAPWARE

Something to keep in mind when selecting your bathroom tapware and fittings is to maintain consistency in style throughout the space by choosing pieces from the same tapware collection.

3 PIECE OR MIXER - With prices of both now similar, the choice is yours. Generally, 3-piece provides a more traditional look, while mixers are more contemporary. If you're retrofitting an existing bathroom and updating only cosmetic details, you'll need to stick with what you already have - unless you're prepared to re-plumb the in-wall components and re-tile the area.

FUNCTIONALITY - Remember to consider what your taps will be used for and the type of basin or bath the water will flow into. Do you need a taller tap or a wall-mounted version to fit over the basin? Perhaps you need a longer spout to extend across a freestanding bath?

Urbane Basin Mixer Black
Urbane Inset Basin



TOILETS

The all-important toilet! A sure way to minimise bathroom cleaning time is to install a wall faced toilet suite. Caroma offer quick release soft-closing seats, a nice touch in the bathroom as it avoids the common noisy occurrence of the seat dropping from a height, and the quick release hinges for easy removal when cleaning.

WALL FACED TOILET SUITES - The back of the pan sits flush against the wall, meaning there are no gaps between the toilet and the wall at all. This is a solid unit and creates a bold look in your bathroom. Due to no gaps between the toilet and the wall, it is easier to clean.

CLOSE COUPLED TOILET SUITES - The pan and cistern are joined together so you cannot see the flush pipe. This type of toilet suite is a very traditional look and suits a range of different bathroom styles.

CONNECTOR TOILETS - This toilet suite has the cistern mounted to the wall and a flushpipe connecting the pan. A connector toilet offers the greatest amount of flexibility for installation.

INVISI SERIES II® CONCEALED TOILETS - The cistern (or tank) is installed inside the wall cavity, ceiling or under counter - leaving only the toilet pan to be seen. Offering a modern design, and a great option for those looking to save space.

Caroma Cleanflush® technology has been released in some of Caroma's most popular collections. Incorporating a rimless bowl design and innovative flush and flow technology, it provides a cleaner clean every time.



Caroma Luna Cleanflush® Wall Faced Toilet Suite

STORAGE

An essential element to include in your new bathroom design is storage space – ample storage means less clutter on the vanity top and enables you to be more organised. Vanity cupboards provide the ultimate storage, but these can also be complemented by a mirrored bathroom cabinet above the vanity, some open shelving for fresh towels, or recessed walls in the shower in which to sit shampoos and cleansers. Wicker baskets underneath or to the side of the vanity are also a great storage option, and the advantage is that they double as a styling piece.

From left to right:

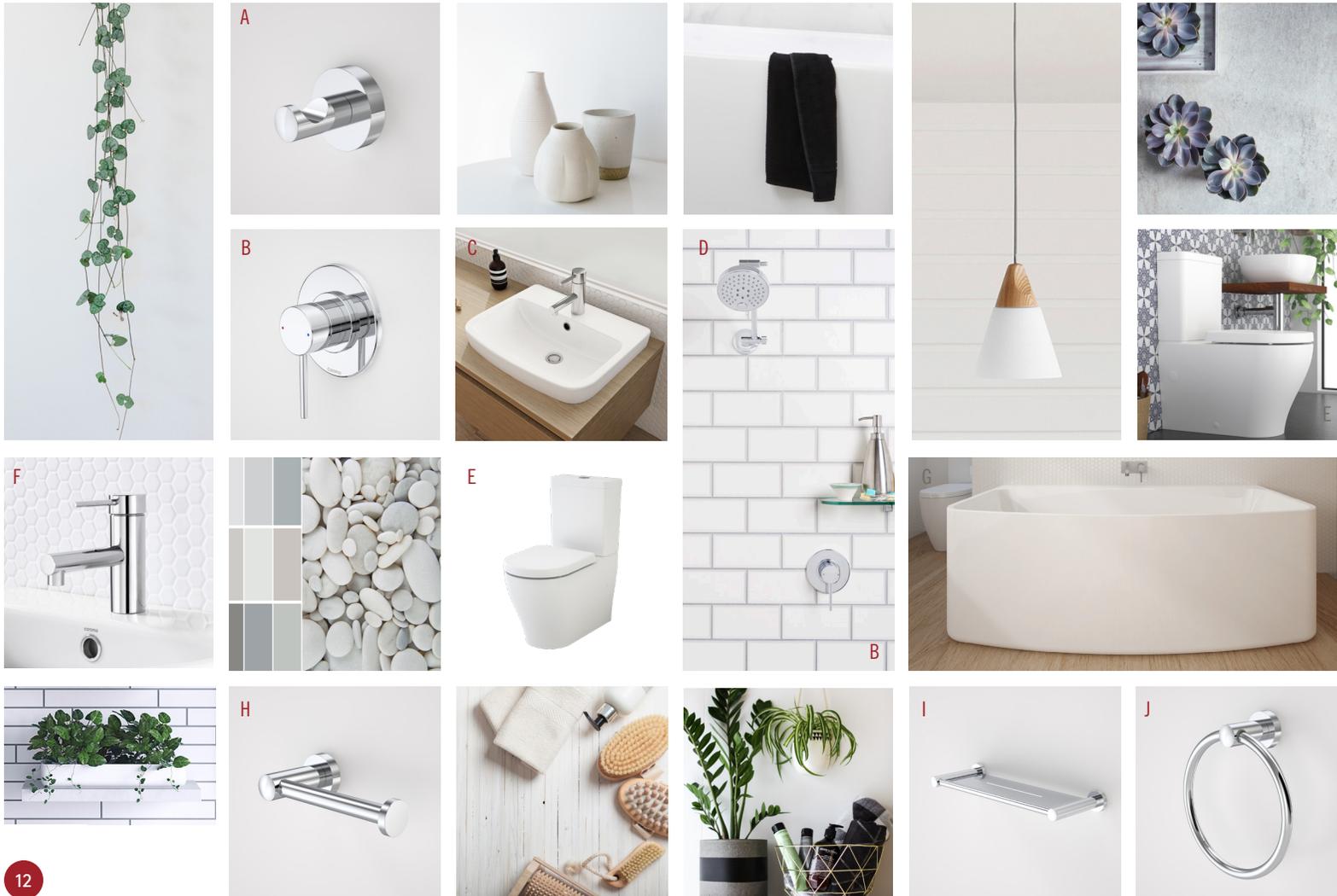
- Titan Stainless Steel Basin Mixer, Urbane Inset Basin
- Urbane Wall Faced Toilet Suite, Titan Stainless Steel Toilet Roll Holder
- Titan Stainless Steel Wall Bath Mixer, Urbane Back to Wall Bath



GET THE LOOK

OUR DESIGNERS' CHOICE FOR FIRST TIME RENOVATORS

Classic white and earthy tones have stood the test of time when it comes to the bathroom space. If you prefer the minimal look, this colour palette works perfectly!



- A. Cosmo Robe Hook
- B. Pin Lever Bath/Shower Mixer
- C. Urbane Inset Basin
- D. Pin Multifunction Adjustable Wall Shower (White)
- E. Luna Wall Faced Toilet Suite
- F. Pin Lever Basin Mixer
- G. Urbane Back to Wall Bath
- H. Cosmo Toilet Roll Holder
- I. Cosmo Metal Shelf
- J. Cosmo Towel Ring

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ENJOY THE JOURNEY

Spend the time to carefully plan and design your new bathroom. By prioritising your needs and wants, you can create a bathroom that suits your lifestyle now and well into the future.

- Research current bathroom trends
- Set your budget
- Set your style
- Consult a Plumber
- Consult a Tiler
- Select tiles
- Select vanity & basin
- Select bath
- Select tapware, accessories & shower
- Select toilet suite





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