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RETHINKING *the* BATHROOM

WHERE ROUTINE BECOMES RITUAL

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Often overlooked, the bathroom is one of the most personal and essential spaces in the home. It is where the day begins and ends, where form meets function, and where design can transform the everyday into something extraordinary. Renovating this space is more than a practical upgrade it is an opportunity to reimagine how you live.

WHETHER YOU ARE REWORKING A COMPACT POWDER ROOM OR REDESIGNING A LUXURIOUS ENSUITE, THOUGHTFUL PLANNING CAN IMPROVE THE SPATIAL FLOW, ENHANCE LIGHTING, AND INTEGRATE MODERN COMFORTS THAT SUPPORT YOUR LIFESTYLE. **A WELL-EXECUTED RENOVATION NOT ONLY ELEVATES THE EXPERIENCE OF DAILY LIFE BUT ALSO ADDS LASTING VALUE TO YOUR HOME.**

CREATE A SEAMLESS SENSE OF STYLE

The most compelling bathrooms feel cohesive with the rest of the home. While trends may be tempting, timeless materials and enduring finishes tend to age more gracefully and offer stronger resale value. Whether your aesthetic leans toward modern minimalism, transitional warmth, or classic refinement, consistency in tone and palette ensures a space that feels intentional and elegant.

Cabinetry, in particular, is worth the investment. In many of my projects I work with solid hardwoods such as maple or birch offer superior durability in moisture-prone environments, maintaining their beauty and performance over time.

PRIORITIZE VENTILATION AND PERFORMANCE

Good design extends beyond what is seen. A high-quality exhaust system is essential to preserve finishes, reduce humidity, and protect the longevity of your renovation—especially in compact spaces or condominiums where airflow can be limited.

THE FOUNDATION BENEATH YOUR FEET

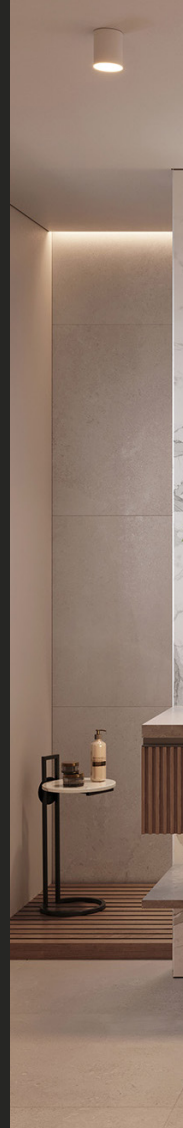
Flooring should balance beauty with safety. Slip-resistant surfaces such as honed ceramic, textured porcelain, or natural stone provide both practicality and a refined aesthetic. Smaller tiles can offer additional traction while creating a balanced, tailored look in more compact bathrooms. On the walls, large-format tiles contribute to a clean, expansive feeling. In smaller spaces, consider vinyl wall coverings for a touch of texture, color, and personality—without compromising on durability or ease of maintenance.

Bring in Comfort with Radiant Heat

Radiant floor heating is one of the most rewarding upgrades in any bathroom renovation. It brings warmth and comfort, especially on cold mornings, while maintaining even temperatures and reducing moisture accumulation. Paired with stone or tile and controlled by a smart thermostat, this feature quietly enhances the daily experience.

ILLUMINATE WITH INTENTION

Lighting plays a transformative role. A layered approach creates both function and atmosphere. Ambient lighting provides overall brightness. Task lighting, such as sconces or backlit mirrors, ensures clarity where it matters most. Accent lighting under-vanity LEDs or a pendant above the tub adds visual interest and a sense of serenity.





Pro Tip

EVERY ELEMENT IN A SPACE SHOULD BE PROPORTIONAL TO THE ROOM. IN SMALLER LAYOUTS, A LARGE FREESTANDING TUB CAN FEEL IMPOSING. A SPACIOUS WALK-IN SHOWER OFFERS A SIMILAR SENSE OF INDULGENCE WHILE MAXIMIZING FLOOR AREA.

Smaller Spaces: Custom or floating vanities provide ample storage and help visually open up the room. Wall-mounted faucets create a streamlined look and make cleaning easier supporting a design approach that's both refined and functional.

When selecting fixtures, prioritize craftsmanship and performance. Opt for solid brass construction, ceramic disc valves, and finishes that go beyond fleeting trends. Local Canadian brand VOGT exemplifies this philosophy, offering high-performance fixtures with understated elegance. Their collections such as Mond feature customizable handle colours and offer a wide range of style and finishes, including white, matte black, brushed nickel, and polished chrome.



INTEGRATE TECHNOLOGY FOR EFFORTLESS LIVING

Smart integrations enhance convenience without drawing attention to themselves. Mirrors with built-in LED lighting, anti-fog technology, and voice control offer functionality tailored to your routine. Motion-sensor lighting and programmable showers create seamless transitions between tasks while elevating the overall experience with thoughtful innovation.

REFINE WITH DETAIL

It is the finishing details that bring the design to life. Invest in tactile elements such as plush towels, and accessories that speak to your style. Smart storage solutions such as built-in niches, floating shelves, and custom cabinetry maintain visual clarity and support a calm, spa-like atmosphere.

A bathroom should do more than meet your needs. With thoughtful design and creativity, this space becomes not just a functional room, but a deeply personal retreat. Here, comfort and beauty are not afterthoughts. They are essential. ■



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