



Five-star style

With a stunning and elegant look, this bathroom brings to mind European five-star quality and style.

The owners of this old Queensland Colonial home knew their bathroom was in dire need of renovation and repair. With a small, pokey outlook that only featured a combined shower/bath and tiny pedestal basin, the bathroom was hardly fit for use and the toilet was awkwardly located outside, on the back landing of the house.

Looking at the transformed space, it's hard to believe that such inauspicious beginnings could have produced the luxurious haven seen here. One of the main reasons for the success of the renovation was the ability to utilise more space within the home. A new kitchen had been installed elsewhere, leaving the old kitchen space available so the owners called on Henri and Maureen van Roden from All Bathroom Gear to undertake the design and renovation work.

Having lived with a cramped space for too long, the owners had a number of items on their wish list. First they wanted to incorporate a freestanding bath with separate shower and ensure the new room had plenty of storage as well as allowance for display space.

With due consideration to the stateliness of the home, Maureen designed a space that is fit for royalty with fittings and fixtures that reflect the opulence and glamour required. The end result exudes a gentle elegance that does not overwhelm the space but, rather, transports the users back to another time.

A variety of display storage has been included with a glass-fronted cabinet and a large vanity with plenty of countertop space. The owner is able to display cosmetic items from their own collection to give the room a Parisian feel.



In keeping to a simple colour scheme, Maureen brings out the freestanding bath as the visual centrepiece of the bathroom with the black floor tiles and granite vanity top the perfect contrasts for the sleek white bath, basin and cabinetry.

As the room had originally been a kitchen, the design had to make allowance for the galvanised iron recess that had housed the old cooker. This was a structural element that could not be removed or relocated so Maureen has cleverly “hidden” it within the structure of the new bathroom by turning it into a storage cabinet. Featuring two doors below in white gloss two-pak and two glazed doors above that are top-lit for display, it has become a central part of the design of the space.

Other storage includes the large vanity with an additional cabinet unit next door that features doors below and an open shelf unit above – all in matching white gloss two-pak.

In addition to the creation of this stunning new space, Maureen and Henri have cleverly converted the old bathroom into a guest WC with space for a toilet, small vanity and mirror.



The last word goes to the designer who knows exactly why this bathroom is a success. “It achieved exactly what the owners desired and it doesn’t fight with the rest of the residence,” explains Maureen. “We were able to provide an elegant result with luxurious inclusions that make the owners feel as though they live in a European five-star hotel”.

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Bath: Duker Slipper 1540mm x 760mm in cast iron

Basin: Gemini Colonial oval china basin

Washstand: Gemini Heritage china washstand with chrome plated legs and towel rail

Taps: Consolidated Brass Roulette chrome-plated, standard tapware

Shower: Tiled base with no hob (walk-in)

Shower screen: 10mm clear toughened glass from Euroglass

Shower taps: Methven Olympic five-function handshower on an L-side rail

Toilet: Gemini Colonial close-coupled suite with matching seat

Vanity doors: Custom built 1500mm x 530mm by Kitchens by Alliance with two doors and six drawers in a white gloss two-pak finish

Vanity top: Stargate granite

Vanity handles: Massimo chrome flat "D" style

Accessories: Brodware Olde English; Conserv corner glass shelves

Wall tiles: 250 x 400 gloss white laid in Brickbond style

Floor tiles: 300 x 300 porcelain vitrified in black

Mirror: French –style mirror with mirrored frame in bathroom; decorative-edge mirror in toilet room

Lighting: Low-voltage halogen downlights with dimmers; chandeliers