



Elegant update

This renovated bathroom uses the best of modern appliances and finishes while keeping a respectful eye on its past

Q What was the brief?

A This bathroom in a private family home was part of an upstairs addition to a heritage renovation designed to service the master bedroom adjacent. Although space was limited, the bathroom needed to feel spacious, with plenty of natural light and ventilation.

Q How would you describe the finished product?

A Contemporary but elegant, with efficient use of space and light to take maximum advantage of the area available. Clean lines and detailing contribute to this spacious feel.

Q Tell us more about these clean lines and detailing.

A A long horizontal highlight window opens up the room to the sky and provides plenty of natural daylight without compromising privacy. The white walls and ceiling and large frameless mirror all reflect light and make the room feel spacious. A clear frameless shower screen in a single panel of glass also makes the room feel bigger and avoids the feeling of being 'boxed in' while showering. Storage concealed behind the mirror provides convenient space for bathroom items at head-height, where you need them, and LED lighting under the mirror provides good task lighting. The suspended toilet pan and 'floating' vanity basins also contribute to the feeling of space, as well as making cleaning easier. As for the decor, the simple black-and-white colour scheme creates a classical feel and gives the bathroom a sense of luxury.

Q Were there any challenges?

A Space was limited so we had to make every millimetre count.

Q What are the sustainable elements of the design?

A We used LED lights under the mirror which have an almost negligible power usage – about one watt – and can be left on all night. Water-saving fixtures were also used.

PROJECT DETAILS

DESIGNER: Simon Couchman

BENCH: Caesarstone

SHOWER: Nikles Waterrail from Reece with Teknobili Oz mixer and Smart Waste drain

TAPWARE: Teknobili Cube Plus bath/basin mixer from Reece

TILES: Artform Tiles

TOILET: Pozzi Easy O2 wall-hung pan and seat from Reece

TOWEL RAIL: Hydrotherm Milan from Reece

VANITY: Alape Circa 360 Vessel from Reece

