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CHOOSING THE RIGHT PRODUCTS SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER

VANITIES AND BASINS

- Choose a vanity that fits your space and complements your other fixtures.
- Choose a compact unit for smaller bathrooms, but if yours is on the large side, you can pick something more expansive.
- Clear the clutter include at least 20% more storage than you think you'll need, like wall cabinets in unused spaces. A tidy bathroom is much more relaxing.
- Keep electric toothbrushes, shavers and other appliances charged without a tangle of cords by installing electrical outlets inside your cabinets.
- Get your basin style right, and make sure it works in your space. Basins can be wall-hung, semi-recessed pedestal or vessel — placed on top of a cabinet.
- Pick tapware to match the basin you choose.
 Tapware can be mounted on the vanity top, basin edge or on the wall.
- Save cleaning time with a deeper basin that holds more water and creates less splash.
- Make sure your basin has a waste, trap and an overflow to help prevent flooding if someone leaves a tap running.
- Set the basin height to suit your family and you'll never have to stoop to wash your hands again.

TOILET SUITES

- Before choosing a toilet consider the sanitary pipework in your bathroom — an S-trap system goes through the floor and a P-trap system goes through the wall.
- Save on space (and make cleaning a breeze!) with a close-coupled or wall-faced toilet, or one with an in-wall cistern.
- Choose a toilet that matches the rest of your bathroom fixtures — if you've chosen square tapware, look for a toilet with defined corners, rather than one with a round or oval shape.
- Consider a toilet suite with an adjustable outlet if you're rearranging your bathroom fixtures. That way you don't have to pay to have sewer connections relocated.
- Give them a test run in store you'll be surprised at how different toilets feel

SHOWERS

- Choose from an acrylic or tile shower with glass enclosure to suit the space you have. If you're pushed for space, you can put your shower over the bath.
- If you have space, install a shower box that's at least a metre square, so you can enjoy your shower, without brushing up against the cold walls!
- Place the mixer where you can reach it from the shower door, so you don't get wet when you turn on the water.
- Position your shower rail or shower head so your door doesn't open in the path of the water flow.
- Consider glazing protection for your shower surfaces to make them easier to clean — they'll last longer too.
- Save money by putting your new fixtures in the same places as the old ones.

SAFETY

- Put safety rails in the bath and showers and near the toilet if your bathroom users have mobility issues. You may need extra bracing in the walls to secure the rails.
- Hardwire in fittings like heated towel rails and fans permanently, and install electrical outlets with circuit breakers for other appliances.
- Check electrical regulations with your electrician electrical appliances cannot be installed over a bath.

BATHS AND SPA BATHS

- If you choose a free-standing bath, consider installing shelving or other storage so toiletries are within arm's reach.
- A tiled ledge is a great option for an inset bath it will allow plenty of room for soap and shampoo (or the kids' collection of bath toys!).
- If you're planning on installing a large tub, check you can provide enough hot water to fill it!

ACCESSORIES

- Include plenty of accessories in your new or renovated bathroom, like hooks on the backs of all doors including your cabinetry. Consider where you can add extra shelving and robe hooks
- Install plenty of towel rails, plus a place for hand towels, toilet brush and spare toilet rolls.
- Match your accessories to your overall design colour, finish, and style.
- Don't forget the bathroom lighting (especially over mirrors), heating and ventilation. Your choice ranges from wall heaters and extractor fans to the luxury of underfloor heating.

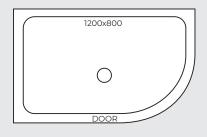
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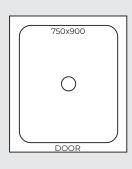
- Make sure there's enough hot water! If you're adding a big tub to soak in, or a high-pressure shower, it's worth upgrading your hot water too.
- Decide what kind of hot water system you want
 — electric, solar, gas or a mixture, internal or external,
 instant or stored hot water, water pressure before
 choosing your tapware.
- Base your new hot water system and capacity on how many people will use the hot water at any one time.

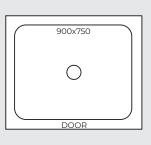
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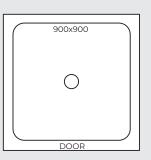
- Check that the tapware you choose will work with your current water pressure.
- If the style you choose is different from your existing tapware, consider updating it all to match.
- If water efficiency needs to be factored in, check the WELS ratings on the tapware you choose.

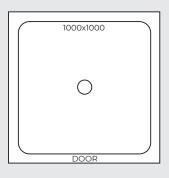
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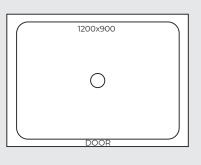


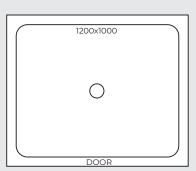


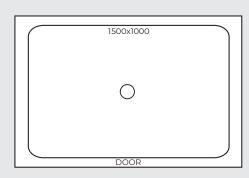


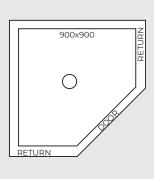


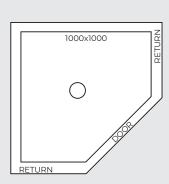


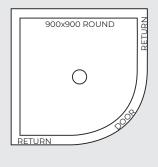


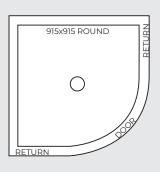


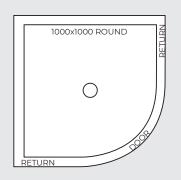


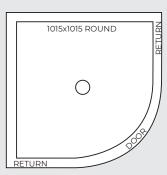














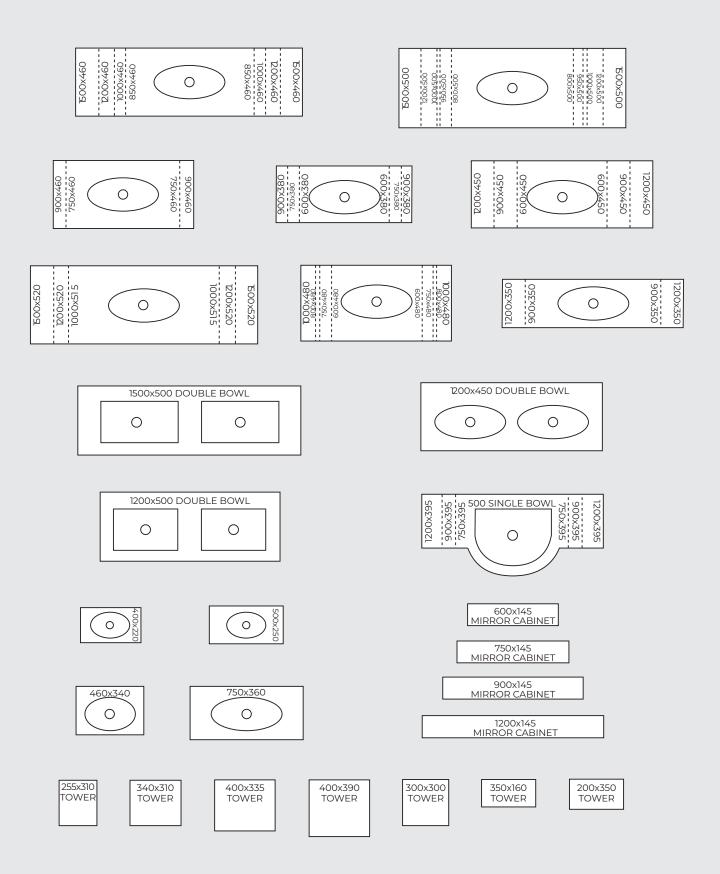








VANITIES & FURNITURE









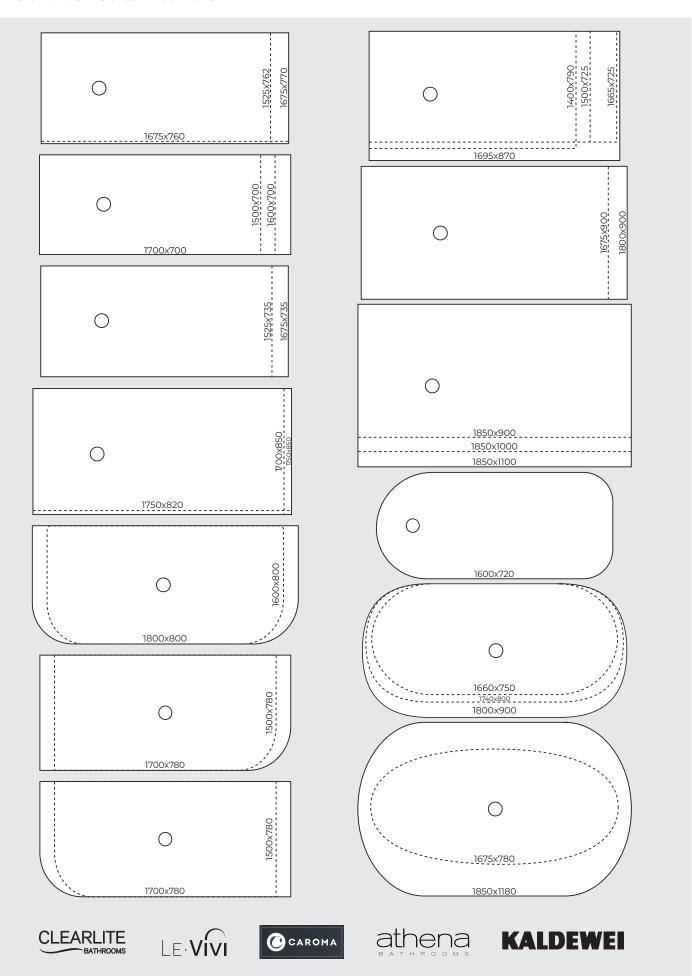




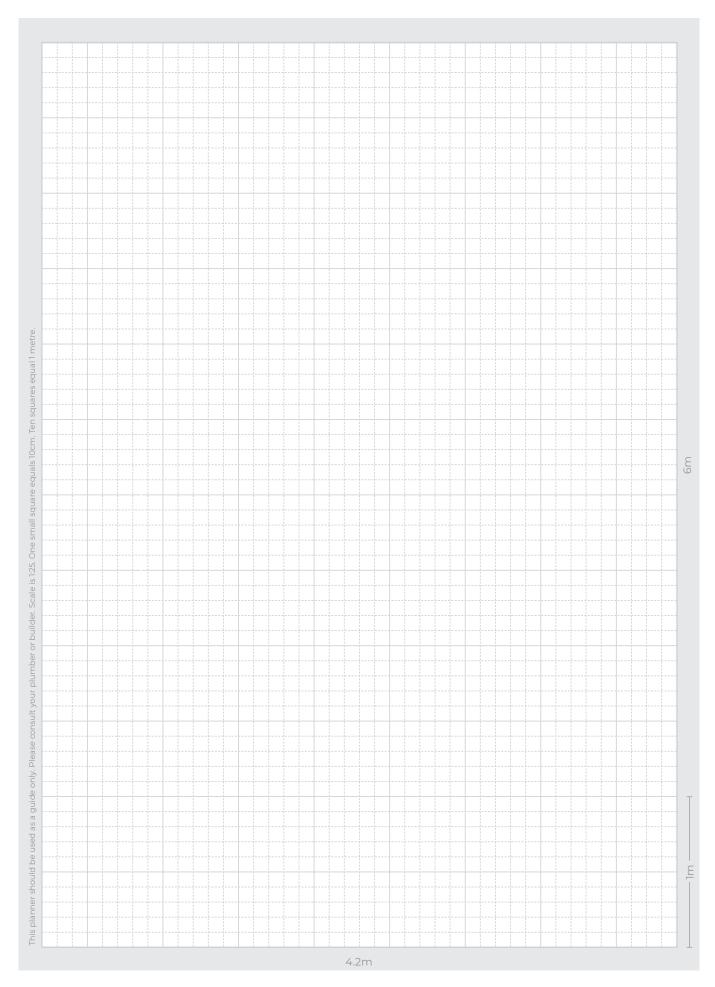
BASINS & TOILETS



SPAS & BATHS



BATHROOM PLANNER





With a bit of planning, you can achieve a stylish bathroom that's a pleasure to be in — whatever your budget. It's about choosing the fittings and fixtures that make the best use of space and set the tone you're looking for.

Our Bathroom Planner makes that simple:

- Draw the dimensions of your bathroom on the grid. Make sure it's to scale — an easy way to do that is to make one box equal one square metre.
- 2. Mark the water, waste and power connections and any windows and doors.
- Draw in any bathroom fixtures you're going to keep — like your bath or your vanity for example.
- 4. Browse the product outlines, and cut out the products you're considering.
- Move them around on the graph paper to find your ideal mix of products and their locations.
- Be careful to leave space for doors, vanity and shower openings — and ensure there's enough room to comfortably sit on the toilet.
- Consider windows and pipe locations.
 Positioning your products near existing pipework will save you money.
- 8. Sketch in your vanity if you're designing your own.
- Make a list of the other accessories you may need, like towel rails, shelving, hooks and handles.
- Glue or tape your chosen products onto your plan and take it in store — your expert Plumbing World team will help you find and order everything you need.

CHECKLIST

WATER PRESSURE	All pressures	Mains pressure
VANITIES	Semi-recessed	Rectangular
	Wall-hung	Floormounted
	Custom	Storage tower
	Size	Colour
	Tapware	No. of drawers
	Vitreous china	Waste
	Single bowl	Polymarble
	Centre bowl	Double bowl
	Offset bowl	
BASIN	Round	Square
	Semi-recessed	Vessel
	Wall-mounted	Pedestal
SHOWERS	Square	Round
	Tile	Angle corner
	Alcove (3 sided)	Shower over bath
	Size	Colour
	Flat wall	Moulded wall
	Soap recess	Modesty glass
	Clear glass	Glass protection
	Shower rose	Slide shower
	Shower mixer	Overhead drencher
BATHS	Oval	Round
	Rectangular	Free-standing
	Back-to-wall	Drop-in
	Bath only	Spa bath
	Bath surround	Tapware
	Size	Colour
TOILETS	Close coupled	Back-to-wall
	Wall-hung	Bidet
	P-trap	S-trap
	Standard cistern	In-wall cistern
	Standard seat	Soft close seat
ACCESSORIES	Towel rail	Heated towel rail
	Robe hooks	Extractor fan
	Toothbrush holder	Heat light/fan
	Soap dish	Shaving point
	Toilet roll holder	Permanent hairdryer
	Lighting	Light switch
MIRRORS	Framed	Bevelled edge
	LED mirror	Mirror cabinet
FLOORING	Tiles	Underfloor heating
	Vinyl	Wood
DOOR OPENINGS	Left	Right
	Inward	Outward
	Cavity slider	
WINDOWS	Left opening	Right opening
	Sliding	Double hung
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