

RENOVATING your BATHROOM

Tips & ideas to help you ...







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What you need to know before you start...

If you are thinking about renovating your bathroom, there are a number of important aspects to consider and decisions to make before you proceed.

This booklet is designed to assist you with:

- = a step-by-step approach to what you need to consider before you start
- = how to work through the all-important planning and design process
- = a design ideas gallery of award-winning bathrooms with some great tips from the experts
- = the steps involved, what to expect and the time it takes to get your new bathroom completed
- = your options for getting the job done and information on how to get your project underway
- = information on how to find a professional to take away the worry, ensure a quality job and achieve your 'dream' bathroom.



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First things first...

Consider why you want to renovate your bathroom. You may have more than one bathroom or ensuite you wish to renovate at the same time. Think about the end result you want to achieve and the main reasons for renovating. Your answers will also help determine the budget required:

- =** perhaps your existing bathroom is not practical or does not provide what you require?
- =** you may want an updated style, new taps, a new vanity and basin, more storage, a fresh new look?
- =** perhaps there is potential for you to increase the value of your home, investing for the future?

Take some time to consider your motivations, consider the current and future needs of your family, then think about what already works well in your existing bathroom, what doesn't, and what is missing. The answers to these questions will be useful to assist during the planning and design process and, ultimately, help you get the desired results while avoiding some common pitfalls and mistakes.

If you are thinking of doing what you consider to be a relatively small renovation to your bathroom, be aware that it can be difficult to change one or two things (even if you might consider them minor) without affecting and damaging other elements in the room. For example, refitting a new vanity and basin may require the plumbing and drainage to be altered and tiles to

be removed – this in turn may result in a complete re-tile, re-sheeting of walls and re-waterproofing of the entire area.

Establishing a realistic budget for what you want to achieve is an important consideration early in the planning stage. Often a bathroom renovation will cost more than most people expect, so compromises may need to be made along the way to meet your budget restrictions.

Being aware of all aspects involved in a bathroom renovation before you start will avoid any surprises relating to the costs involved — an experienced bathroom designer or renovation specialist will help you plan to achieve the desired result within your budget allocation. Remember to be 'up front' about your budget and what you are prepared to spend as this information is important so your designer or renovation specialist knows what the boundaries are at the outset and can plan around them.

Important consideration: The number-one defect arising in bathrooms today is the failure of waterproofing. For this reason, it is important that waterproofing is carried out by a professional and completed to the required standard. Failure of the membrane can lead to water leakage not only damaging the wet area floor and walls, but can also affect adjoining rooms, compromising the building's structural components. Dampness from water leaking into wall cavities and floors can also attract termite activity.



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Think about ‘the design’ – and think about what you want...

There are many important elements which go into creating well-designed and -functioning bathrooms. In today’s homes, your bathroom should provide a haven or retreat from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the house, where you can relax and unwind at the end of the day or working week.

Your lifestyle and how many people will be using the bathroom will influence the design, layout, fixtures and fittings required to achieve the result best suited to your family’s needs and wants. The choices you make should be influenced by your current needs and wants while also considering what might be required in the future.

A well-designed and -constructed bathroom will add significant value to any home, so it is important to spend time doing your research

Often homeowners and renovators are pleasantly surprised by the design ideas, new trends, expert tips and added functionality that can be achieved in their new bathroom when working with an experienced designer or bathroom renovation specialist.

before you ‘jump in’. While you may not have all the answers regarding how you want your new bathroom to look or function, some basic ideas can be noted and images of what appeals to you can be collected from magazines or by browsing the internet ready for discussion with a professional bathroom designer or renovation specialist. It is also worthwhile to visit a number of bathroom showrooms and product suppliers in your area to get some great ideas.

Check out the design ideas gallery, tips from the experts, handy checklists and how to find the right professional to do your job! ➔

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- 1 Bring the essence of Oriental style into the bathroom with a wooden bath – just the right combination of warmth and natural materials to create a relaxing space.
- 2 Long, rectangular windows are the perfect choice to allow plenty of natural light to stream into the bathroom yet, installed at this height, there is still plenty of privacy for the users.
- 3 A simple wall-hung vanity hides plenty of storage space and mirrors the elongated rectangle shape of the windows and the rectangular tiles on the feature wall.
- 4 Neat idea: a simple towel rail keeps this essential item easy to reach once you've finished in the bath.
- 5 The oval shape of the basin is a great design idea to add a soft curve to an otherwise straight-edged room.

Image courtesy All Bathroom Gear.

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- 6 A compact space can be well designed when careful thought is put into the layout and planning of the bathroom.
- 7 The recessed cistern saves space, looks streamlined and is a contemporary inclusion.
- 8 Simple, architectural tapware fits perfectly into a small bathroom and doesn't visually overwhelm the space.
- 9 This 'hanging' unit adds much-needed additional storage without adding bulk. Feature lighting underneath the unit creates additional interest.
- 10 A feature wall is a point of visual interest as well as a functional inclusion, creating a shelf for display purposes.

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- 1 Bring nature into the bathroom with this clever idea. The bamboo introduces a much-needed shot of green and reflects the bathroom's Asian style.
- 2 Set-down space is always at a premium in a bathroom. This gorgeous wooden stool is the perfect place to lay out clothing or sit and relax.
- 3 A full-height, frameless glass screen creates the ultimate 'soft' border to the walk-in shower. Note the slimline drain runs neatly along the length of the wall.
- 4 The gloss wood-grain of the vanity top complements the white drawers and matching white basin.

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- 5 A large bathroom is cleverly given definition by creating separate spaces for different functions.
- 6 Such indulgence! A double shower is a touch of luxury which can be introduced where space allows.
- 7 The long double vanity (with extra dressing table) is a must to help manage busy mornings.
- 8 Privacy is guaranteed with the toilet in a separate room, but still within the larger plan of the bathroom.
- 9 A spa bath will provide the owners with an opportunity to rest and enjoy their sanctuary after a busy week.

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- 1 The design of a bathroom can centre around one piece of visual interest. In this case it's the unusual organic shape of the bath which adds a beautiful ambience to the room.
- 2 Elsewhere in the bathroom, fittings and fixtures have been kept modern in tone to off-set the natural finish of the bath.
- 3 Match a floor-to-ceiling mirror with mirrored cabinets and see how much extra visual space you can create!
- 4 A heated towel rail ensures hotel-style luxury for these owners every day.
- 5 The interesting, textured feature wall is a lovely contrast to the sleek, mirrored surfaces.

Image courtesy Gage Roads Construction.

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- 6 A circular bath sits in pride of place as the central visual feature of the bathroom.
- 7 Great use is made of this large space with the double shower creating a soft border between the vanity and the bath.
- 8 Rest, relax and enjoy a long hot bath while catching up on your favourite television show – what a great idea!
- 9 Great thought has been given to how the bathroom interacts with the adjoining bedroom. A large doorway provides easy access between the areas.
- 10 Packed full of storage, there is even more space available here under the television.

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- 1 Great design and layout sees the freestanding bath placed adjacent to the privacy wall which hides the shower from view.
- 2 A walk-in shower negates the need for shower screens and keeps the space free, open and spacious, with the translucent glass panel allowing natural light to enter the enclosure.
- 3 The neutral colour scheme creates a serene, calm, relaxing atmosphere.
- 4 Two sections of vanity provide excellent storage space as well as introducing additional benchspace for storage or display items in between the units.
- 5 Where is the tapware? Discreet handles are all-but-hidden to reduce visual bulk within the room.

Image courtesy Interiors by Darren James.

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- 6 A great example of an open-plan bathroom, this space integrates neatly with the bedroom for a fully-functional finish.
- 7 The large vanity is raised from the floor with a recessed, over-height kickboard which gives the impression that the unit is 'floating'.
- 8 A simple wood and white colour scheme reflects the choice of surfaces and finishes within the bedroom and provides a natural, organic feel.
- 9 Check out the size of this bath! Perfect for unwinding after a busy day, its simple rectangular shape is softened by its rounded corners.

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- 1 Interestingly-shaped double free-standing basins add a great visual presence within the bathroom.
- 2 Mosaic tiles make a feature of the inset shelf which can be used to keep often-used items close to hand.
- 3 A feature wall at the rear of the bathroom draws the eye and immediately makes the bathroom appear larger.
- 4 A three-panelled, recessed mirrored cabinet takes care of storage needs neatly and simply.
- 5 A matching recessed shelf in the shower uses the same mosaic tiles.

Image courtesy Roselea Homes.

- 6 The free-standing angled bath is an interesting shape, giving this bathroom a point of difference from the normally-softened edges often seen.
- 7 The recessed nook, complete with glass shelf and feature lighting, is great for storage or display.
- 8 Take a look at this great idea! Lights underneath the vanity are a great inclusion to create mood as well as visually add more depth beneath.
- 9 A double vanity is a must for busy families and couples who all need to get ready in a hurry and at the same time.
- 10 Take note of the floor-to-ceiling glass wall which leaves the bathroom open to the bedroom and allows light to circulate.

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Although bathrooms are typically small rooms, they can be the most difficult to renovate as they are complex and compact spaces comprising numerous components. A professional bathroom renovation will require the engagement of a number of skilled tradespeople who are licensed and qualified to carry out the work. Mistakes and defective work in a bathroom can cause major problems in the future and be very costly to rectify.

Remember, using an experienced professional such as an HIA member, will not only give you guidance on

the best design, but they will also ensure you receive expert advice on the correct bathroom products to use. Products and materials are required to comply with the Building and Plumbing Codes of Australia. This includes: waterproofing of the walls and floors, tapware that complies with the Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS), and cabinetry that is manufactured and sealed for moisture resistance and adheres to the accepted Australian Standard for formaldehyde emissions to ensure air quality is maintained.

HETTICH'S 'Top 10 Tips'

1. There is more to bathroom design than where to put the bath, basin and toilet. Choose from a huge range of the latest accessories to make the bathroom an even more functional space, planning for function and style from the start.
2. Think through all the items that you need to store in the bathroom such as towels and toiletries. Be sure to specify ample storage space and make

the most of wire baskets and drawer accessories.

3. Consider soft closures for drawers and doors, and electronic push-to-open mechanisms for those occasions when the hands are occupied with shaving or make-up.
4. Integrate task lighting especially for the bathroom mirror and vanity area.
5. Pamper yourself with mood lighting that can be used to great effect to enhance your overall bathroom design and atmosphere.
6. Choose handles to complete your bathroom design. Also consider handle-less options such as electronic push-to-open doors and drawers.
7. Drawers can be enhanced with custom design elements for storage of toiletry items.
8. In tight spaces, consider folding and sliding doors for cabinets with soft closures for the extra 'wow'.
9. Wire baskets can be used in bathroom cupboards for items such as washing.
10. Only use the best-quality fittings and hardware for your bathroom, a room which is used daily for many years. Hettich hinges and drawers have lifetime warranties to ensure long-term peace of mind.



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 - do they carry the correct insurances to safeguard your building work?

Before you engage a renovation specialist, builder, tradesperson etc. you should ask the following questions:

All of these important points are to protect you and ensure you get the professional result and the dream bathroom you deserve.

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Handy checklists for planning and designing your new bathroom

Start with identifying the problems with your existing bathroom. Here are some common issues many homeowners experience:

- ☐ the bathroom is too small and cramped
- ☐ door opening intrudes on the internal space
- ☐ shower is over the bath and confined
- ☐ there is not enough bench top space
- ☐ a new hot water service is required
- ☐ there is insufficient cupboard/ storage space
- ☐ issues with light, warmth and ventilation e.g. the area is dark, cold, damp or closed in, particularly in the winter months
- ☐ the surfaces and corners are difficult to keep clean
- ☐ the bathroom may need to cater more effectively for a person with limited mobility
- ☐ the existing bathroom no longer caters for your family's needs, wants and lifestyle.

Think about some 'must have' features you may need:

- ☐ the relocation of electrical outlets – perhaps concealed (note: there are electrical restriction zones and clearances from water outlets which apply in wet areas – a licensed

electrician will be required for all electrical work)

- ☐ slip-resistant tiles and other safety features
- ☐ improved lighting in the vanity area
- ☐ incorporation of a larger window and/or relocating entry doorway
- ☐ cavity sliding door/s in place of hinged opening door/s
- ☐ separating the shower from the bath
- ☐ a new basin or twin basins which can be wall-, top- or under-mounted, recessed or integrated
- ☐ open shower or enclosed shower with hob, hobless, step down or preformed base
- ☐ efficient extractor fans and ventilation to more efficiently remove steam and odours
- ☐ improved storage for towels, toiletries, waste bin, laundry etc.
- ☐ new style and mounting of tapware and shower roses
- ☐ extending or a new style for mirrors or incorporating storage behind mirrors
- ☐ a freestanding or built-in bath
- ☐ toilet with a concealed cistern or a wall-faced toilet
- ☐ the incorporation of grab rails to the shower/bath/toilet areas (note: these will require strengthening support with noggins in the wall frame)
- ☐ new floor and wall treatments (note: these must comply with waterproofing requirements).



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What's on your 'wish list' – where the budget allows:

- ☐ wall tiles that extend to the ceiling
- ☐ under-floor heating in colder climates
- ☐ the incorporation of heated towel rails
- ☐ a 'wet room' area incorporating both a bath and shower
- ☐ recessed wall storage units and a shower wall niche
- ☐ adding a freestanding deep soaker bathtub or a step down sunken bath (note: these will most likely require additional structural supports which will need to be installed by a licensed builder)
- ☐ a shower rail with a dual-function, overhead rain shower and hand-held shower
- ☐ incorporating an LCD TV screen, MP3 docking station and speakers in the vanity unit or other technology such as LED lighting and touchpads.

- ☐ feature lighting or recessed lighting to create a warm and inviting ambience
- ☐ the addition of other touches of 'luxury' to create your own sanctuary.

Consider how you want to use the renovated space, for example:

- ☐ you want to have privacy and space to relax and unwind
- ☐ you want to have an uncluttered bathroom with lots of storage designed specifically for items such as cosmetics and toiletries
- ☐ you want to provide separate 'his' and 'hers' spaces i.e. multi-user specific
- ☐ the room needs dual access e.g. from the hallway as a powder room and from a bedroom as an ensuite
- ☐ you would prefer the toilet to be in a separate cubicle or room
- ☐ you want the room to be full of natural light and warmth

- ☐ you want to install an integrated laundry within the bathroom space.

Consider the location of the renovated space:

- ☐ will the bathroom or ensuite be in the same location as the existing room/s to ascertain if there will be any structural changes required?
- ☐ if there is an option to alter the location or layout of the current room, this will require the removal or addition of structural walls, perhaps increasing window openings or changing doorway locations. This work may also require relocation of electrical wiring, plumbing and drainage which should always be performed by licensed tradespeople and may require council approval.

Note: any renovation work involving structural alterations or relocating of services will require a building permit to be obtained for the works from a qualified professional.

Preference for materials and finishes:

- ☐ Wall surfaces – all the same or a feature wall?
- ☐ Floor surfaces
- ☐ Shower enclosures
- ☐ Cabinetry finish e.g. for vanity, storage cupboards, shelving etc.
- ☐ Vanity surface finish e.g. laminate, stone, composite etc.
- ☐ Doors and Windows

Tip: when choosing materials, give some thought to the desired look, feel and style you want to achieve,

for example, sleek, minimalist and contemporary, luxurious, retro or eclectic style, rich and earthy, use of natural products etc.

Fixtures, fittings and accessories:

- ☐ Hardware such as handles for cabinetry, door handles, soft-close drawers, drawer inserts etc.
- ☐ Taps, shower heads etc.
- ☐ Items such as sinks, toilet suite, bath etc.
- ☐ Towel rails, toilet roll holder other accessories
- ☐ Light fittings/Tastic/heating etc.
- ☐ Any special features

Tip: your designer or renovation specialist can help you select and usually source these items on your behalf through their suppliers.

A general checklist:

- ☐ Ask yourself why you want a new bathroom or ensuite, then develop a list of goals you seek to achieve — this is an essential part of the design process.
- ☐ Give consideration to your budget which needs to be achievable based on the goals you want to achieve as set out above.
- ☐ Think about the design and the features you would like included, note your ideas and collect images.
- ☐ Think about whether you are interested in including any environmental features such as solar hot water and hot water reticulation, as these will require consideration early in the design phase. In some cases, changing or upgrading the pipes/water supply into the house will be required



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- ☐ You will need to get advice on whether your plans require a building permit and this will need to be applied for early in the design phase to avoid delays.
- ☐ HIA recommends you choose a bathroom designer, bathroom renovation specialist or builder who is licensed to carry out the work, project manage and coordinate all the trades to ensure your renovation is delivered on time and on budget and in accordance with local council regulations.
- ☐ Bathroom renovations may take anywhere between 3-8 weeks or longer to fully complete (depending on your particular circumstances and availability of materials, products and trades), so you will need to consider how you will cater for family showers, sink access and a toilet while the renovation is in progress.
- ☐ If you are renovating two rooms e.g. bathroom and ensuite, it is advisable to keep one in use until the other is fully operational again.
- ☐ If you are intending on staying in the house during the renovation, you will need to consider how to minimise dust from entering the liveable areas of the house. Get advice from a professional to help you deal with this.
- ☐ Some fittings, taps or sanitaryware may have long delivery times, so plan early for these to avoid unnecessary delays down the track.
- ☐ Always use qualified and licensed tradespeople to ensure you are getting a quality finish and only products that are fit for use in the bathroom and comply with building regulations are used.





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Summary:

Once you have assembled your notes, done your research, collected ideas and images and visited some local showrooms, it is time to decide how you will get the project done from start to finish. There are a number of options you can take which are summarised in this booklet.

You will also need to sit down with your lender and discuss the amount you can reasonably afford to borrow and the most suitable financing options. Remember that your budget should cover everything that may arise in relation to your renovation project, not just the bathroom itself. For example, adjoining areas such as hallways, bedrooms, walk-through robes etc. may need to be repainted or new doors installed to integrate with the new bathroom.

It is recommended that you find a reputable bathroom designer or a bathroom renovation specialist such as an HIA member who will be experienced to advise you on all the important aspects such as the desired layout of your new bathroom, space planning

considerations, storage, clearances, ergonomics, safety and the effect the new space may have in relation to other parts of your home.

Assuming you have an initial budget in mind, your bathroom designer or renovation specialist can also give you some practical advice on how realistic your budget is in relation to your renovation goals and what you want to achieve. They will be able to offer some cost-effective alternatives to stay within your budget and help you to realise your dream bathroom!

A professional, experienced in bathroom renovation projects, will have knowledge of all that is involved and be able to advise you on your specific circumstances. They will usually prepare an initial draft sketch or CAD drawings then, once you have approved the design concept, a budget can be agreed upon and final plans can then be prepared detailing the measurements, specifications, trades, services etc. required to complete the project.

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The steps involved – the time it takes...

It is important to realise that a quality job will not occur in just a few days, as there is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes on well before the original bathroom is demolished and the renovation commences.

The following provides a basic outline of the steps involved and approximate timelines normally seen when renovating a bathroom – these are provided as a general guide only. Remember that each project must be considered on its individual needs and complexities.

The time taken to undertake a renovation project will vary greatly. There are no set timeframes

to complete any project and completion is dependent upon:

- = The extent and complexity of the renovation including whether:
 - the project requires structural alterations, new plumbing and drainage
 - local council approval is required to undertake the works
 - there is asbestos present in the existing building
 - the selection and availability of the required materials, sanitaryware, tapware etc.
 - the amount of work the designer, renovation specialist or builder currently has on their books
 - the availability of qualified trades licensed to carry out the work when required.

Step 1: The starting point:

- = Identify the goals you want to achieve and how you want your completed bathroom to look, consider getting ideas from display showrooms and collect images from magazines
- = Determine a realistic budget as it will influence whether you can achieve your primary goals and have all the additional features you wish in your new bathroom
- = Have an initial consultation with a designer to communicate your needs and receive design suggestions and expert advice
- = You will need to discuss the style you desire for your sanitaryware and basins and complimentary tapware and other accessories.

Step 2:

Appoint your bathroom designer or renovation specialist who will:

- = Advise you of the processes involved
- = Arrange a preliminary measure of the existing area and determine whether there is to be a change to the existing layout
- = Prepare a set of plans on which the design concept will be based and which will provide a reference for all trades
- = Determine the ideal layout and traffic flow considerations for the space. This may include:
 - a suggested floor plan and layout
 - ideal location of sanitaryware, basins, shower units, vanity, fittings and fixtures
- = Develop an initial design for discussion with you. This may include:
 - location of required features
 - cabinets, shelving and mirror size and
 - selection of sanitaryware, baths, spas, basins, showers and tapware
 - a lighting plan and any other special features.
- = Once the design is completed, finalise financial and contractual arrangements for joinery, plumbing, tiling and other trades. Your designer can arrange this for you if you prefer.





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- = Selection of components by you. This may include:

- vanity units, cupboards, shelving or other custom joinery to be manufactured
- finishes for walls and floors – tile selections
- tapware and shower heads
- sanitaryware, baths, basins, shower screens
- towel and toilet rails
- fittings and fixtures
- lighting
- taps, basins and fittings.

Time to complete: 2–3 weeks approximately (the manufacture of custom joinery may take longer and will depend on the workload of the cabinetmaker)

Step 3:

Your designer, bathroom renovation specialist or project manager will organise demolition work which will include:

- = Disconnection of existing services
- = Strip out of the existing bathroom, wall and floor coverings and sheeting as necessary.

Important Note: extra precaution is vital where asbestos may be present and a licensed specialist is required

to identify, test and safely remove and dispose of asbestos

- = Final measurement check of the space.

Time to complete: 1–3 days approximately

Step 4:

Your designer, renovation specialist or project manager will organise construction work to commence and supervise the various trades to:

1. 'rough-in' the plumbing and electrical
2. install the bath and framework
3. fix and set walls and ceiling plasterwork
4. waterproof floors and walls
5. install vanity and bench tops. (note: where stone or hard surface bench tops are selected, this may take an additional 7–10 days after cabinet installation)
6. tile floor and walls
7. fit-out the electrical and plumbing including sanitaryware and taps
8. paint and do a final check of the finished project
9. fit shower screens and mirrors (this may take an additional 7 days after bench top installation)
10. clean the bathroom.
11. final check of the finished project, any adjustments to be made and the final clean up.

Time to complete: 3–4 weeks approximately

Note: Any variations or changes to the initial design, and choices of tiles, materials, taps, sanitary ware etc. will add additional time to the project. Availability of some products may also delay completion dates.



OPTIONS - how to get your new bathroom done

As the homeowner, you have a number of options for managing your new bathroom project:

Option 1: Design Only

Here you engage an independent bathroom designer who specialises in the initial design process (in consultation with you), providing plans and drawings for the quotation process. It is then your job to arrange for the manufacture and installation (option 2).

Option 2: Manufacture and Install

Once you have plans drawn, you can then separately engage the services of a builder or bathroom renovation specialist to build and install the new bathroom from the design you have had prepared. They will project manage the installation and supervising of other trades involved to complete the work.

Note: Licensed builders and renovation specialists are experienced to manage projects and supervise tradespeople for you. These specialists will usually be able to handle the project from start to finish including quoting, designing and plan preparation, ordering materials through to project management for installation, including supervising trades and arranging building inspections and approvals when required.

Option 3: Self-Project Management

Once you have the design/plans finalised you may decide to take on the project management of the renovation yourself. However, you must ensure you are aware of your legal obligations, including but not limited, to owner/builder requirements, local council rules, approval processes for building work, insurances and the use of licensed and qualified trades.

Note: This option will usually be more difficult to establish a firm budget for at the start as there are a number of trades involved, quotes to obtain and other incidentals which need to be taken into account to fully capture the cost of the entire project.

Most homeowners prefer to have a renovation specialist handle the process from start to finish to save time and take away any stress. Alternatively, you may prefer to use a combination of the above three options.

Using a reputable professional such as a HIA member who is experienced and holds the necessary license to carry out the required renovation work, will take away the worry, ensure a quality finish and help you to keep to your budget.



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Who's who in home renovations:

= HIA Kitchen and Bathroom members are professional designers, cabinetmakers, builders and renovation specialists who have experience and expertise in all facets of bathroom and kitchen renovations to help you design and build your new dream bathroom or kitchen.

= HIA builders can help with a wide range of renovations to your home. HIA builders work with you to turn ideas into reality and can co-ordinate all aspects of your renovation project – permits, materials, trade contractors, supervision and inspections.

= HIA designers can be engaged independently for professional design services to assist you in the all-important design process to prepare plans, working drawings and specifications. Choose someone who is familiar with the special demands of renovation projects.

= HIA trade contractors such as plumbers, electricians, roofers or tilers offer highly specialised services. Trade contractors work closely with professional builders and kitchen and bathroom specialists, who include them as part of their team as required in each project. Homeowners can also hire them directly when, for instance, you

may only want to replace your hot water system.

= Kitchen and Bathroom retailers.

Many have shopfronts or showrooms where homeowners can enjoy a first-hand look at product offerings such as baths, taps, shower heads, vanities, bench tops, hardware and fixtures. Designers, cabinetmakers, renovation specialists, builders and trade contractors often work closely with these retailers to provide an integrated customer service.

= HIA GreenSmart professionals.

When renovating, it's a good idea to consider the energy and water use of your home and what opportunities exist to make savings for the environment and your bills. HIA GreenSmart professionals can advise on options to include in your renovation ranging from the right tapware, materials and solar hot water, through to the way your home can use energy much more efficiently.

Be sure to use a professional you can trust. HIA members adhere to a strict code of conduct. To get the most out of your next project and to have peace of mind, find and contact an HIA member near you by visiting www.housinglocal.com.au



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