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Laura Siddall, a banking relationship manager, and her husband Steve, also in finance, live with their children, Alexandra, five, and Calumn, two, in a five-bed detached house in Godalming, Surrey.

The original bathroom was dated and in serious need of an overhaul, so they ripped it out,
opting for a new layout and bold colour scheme

Tell us about the original bathroom...

It was a dated, tired space with a primrose yellow suite, dull grey carpet and pale pink striped wallpaper - in other words, it was in desperate need of updating! It looked as though it hadn't been touched since the seventies.

Did you enlist help of an interior designer or project manager? The whole house needed a complete renovation, and we quickly realised it was too much for us to take on ourselves. We found interior design company Slightly Quirky through the website Houzz. Initially we only asked for help with colours, but it soon became apparent we needed more input, so they played around with a few different room layouts and lighting plans for the bathrooms, kitchen and living areas and helped us come up with the final designs. We also had a project manager, Matt Abel from Abel Projects.

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Where did you get your ideas from?

We had an overall scheme for the house, which we worked on with Caroline Nicholls and Deborah Moor from Slightly Quirky. The brief was to be bold with colours and patterns and to make the whole house consistent. The first thing we chose was a black and white wallpaper for the cloakroom downstairs, so it made sense to start with the black and white tiles in the family bathroom. What was top of your wishlist?

A separate shower and bath - and plenty of storage. Were there any difficulties along the way?

Caroline suggested positioning the shower centrally, which has created a real sense of drama in the room as well as giving the WC a separate feel, but it was a challenge to find a three-sided shower screen to fit the space properly. It took quite a lot of

research to track one down that was wide enough but not so deep that it would encroach too much on the rest of the floor space. You opted for quite a bright colour palette...

Yes, we wanted to go bold and the sunshine yellow has a sense of fun – very fitting for a family bathroom. What makes the room work well for you?

The amount of storage and, in particular, the wall-hung vanity unit, which is my favourite part of the design as it really helps keep the room in order. The cubby holes in the shower are handy too. Do you have any tips?

Research each element individually to get the best price, rather than buying everything from one stockist.

How do you feel about the bathroom now it's complete? We love how bright and spacious it is, and it will grow with us.



MAKING PLANS

Yellow tiles ensure

personality and fun

the space is full of

As part of a whole-home renovation, an outdated bathroom has been modernised with a bold colour palette and new layout





Renovation advice

LAURA'S TIPS

 For a period property, opt for Think about how the space will work long term. For example, Alexandra is four now, but will no

doubt spend more time in the

 Create a cohesive look for the whole house so you know everything will hold together well at the end of a large project.

classic sanitaryware that will blend into the overall look while working in a modern setting.

shower when she's a teenager. For longevity, keep the fixed elements - such as tiles and suite - neutral, and add colourful paint and accessories for an easily updated look.

BATHROOM TRANSFORMATION

-BATHROOM -BASICS

PAINT Yellow feature wall in Mister David (47), £50/2.5L, Little Greene. White walls in Strong White modern emulsion, £49.95/2.5L; woodwork in Strong White estate eggshell, £64/2.5L; both Farrow & Ball

SANITARYWARE & SHOWER

Bette Select bath with side overflow, £507, UK Bathrooms, Hudson Reed wall-hung 800mm cabinet and basin in Indigo Blue, £465, Aquadart; Waifer rectangular shower tray (1200 x 900mm), £146; Inline hinged three-sided shower enclosure (1200 x 900mm), £477; all MJ Bathrooms. Bath shower mixer, £139; basin mixer, £105; both Grohe Essence at Trading Depot. Arena complete WC 5-in-1 pack, £400, Victorian Plumbing. Grohe Grotherm 2000 thermostatic shower with slider rail, £290, Wayfair

RADIATOR

Zehnder Klaro heated radiator, £110, UK Bathrooms. Apollo Roma three-column radiator, £208, Trade Radiators

TILES & ACCESSORIES Marazzi D-Segni Macro

1 Freddi black and white floor tiles, £38.82/sq m, Johnson Tiles. Prismatic Goldcrest tiles, £18.33/sq m, Cotswold Tiles. HIB Jazz portrait mirror, £77, QS Supplies. Rounded mirror, £97, Maisons du Monde. Rustic Colour Pop Sea Grass Baskets, £55/two, The Forest & Co

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