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CLASSIC LUXURY

A mix of practical fixtures and dramatic features has transformed this family bathroom.

Jane Hockney, 36, and her husband Anthony, 37, live with their children Luke, 10, and Emily, seven, in a detached 1930s house near Sevenoaks in Kent. When they moved in, in 2015, one of the first projects they undertook was to renovate the bathroom, reorganising the awkward space to create a more useable layout.

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SHELVING

A ladder-style unit makes good use of the corner space and is handy for keeping toiletries close to the bath

PANELLING

Painted in warm grey, the wipeable tongue-and-groove is practical and can be repainted at a later date to refresh the scheme

BEFORE



ACTION PLAN

FIND A LOCAL BATHROOM DESIGNER

REDESIGN THE LAYOUT

INCORPORATE A WALK-IN SHOWER

CHOOSE A STATEMENT BATH

MIRROR

Made to measure to fill the long space, it reflects lots of light into the room

WORKTOP

With a seamless, silky-smooth finish, this surface gives the cabinets beneath a sleek look

FLOOR

Good quality wood-effect vinyl has the warmth and beauty of the real thing and superb durability

STORAGE

The built-in design includes a cupboard next to the WC for cleaning products, while open shelving is ideal for pretty baskets and towels



ENCAUSTIC TILES
The bold monochrome design adds pattern in the shower

What didn't you like about the original bathroom?

It was quite big but had a strange layout. The shower cubicle was next to the window and was the first thing you saw when you walked in, and the loo was between the wall and the bath, which made it look as though it was floating in the middle of the room. We knew we could create something special but didn't know where to start.

How did the new layout come about?

I drive past a kitchen and bathroom showroom on my way to work. Having admired its room sets through the window, I decided to nip in to have a look round and make an appointment. A designer came to our house and suggested moving the shower to the other end of the room to make better use of the space. We loved her ideas and went with almost everything she suggested.

Tell us about the decor

As it's used by the whole family, the room had to be practical and clean. But I also wanted it to be relaxing with a warm, luxurious look and asked the designer for a scheme with a boutique hotel feel. I spotted the patterned tiles in the showroom and fell in love with them - and they inspired the rest of the scheme.

The position of the bath is a quirky touch...

Yes, and I love the bateau shape. It's traditional without feeling fussy and ornate but it's just too big to sit flush against the wall. The designer came up with the idea of placing it at an angle to create an interesting focal point and fill some of the central floor area. This left us with the predicament of what to put in the corner behind it, until we discovered the ladder shelving unit, which is perfect as it gives height as well as additional storage.

And the shower?

The recess beside the door was the obvious place for it. I didn't want a huge glass screen that needed constant cleaning so instead there is a half-wall with glass above, which lets light into the shower.

Did everything run smoothly?

We were without a bathroom for about three weeks but luckily we have a downstairs loo and the fitters were amazing - they plumbed the bath in temporarily for us every evening.

What do you love most about the room?

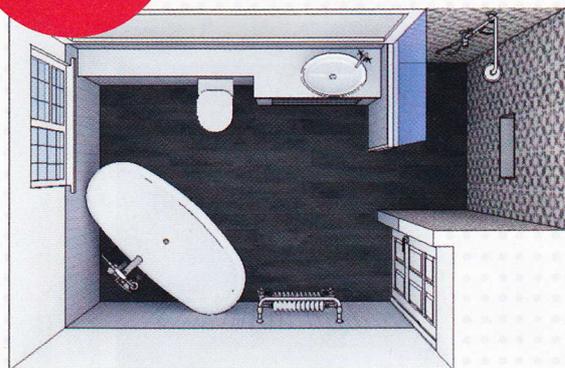
Despite it being long and narrow, everything is in the right position now. And I'm glad we chose the patterned tiles - they bring a bit of extra interest to the shower area.

● Contact Lindsey Durrant at Burlanes Interiors on 01732 605001; burlanes.com



THE NEW LAYOUT

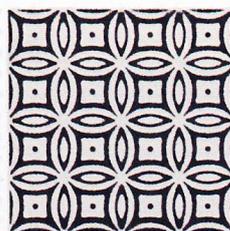
Positioning the bath diagonally makes good use of the space and creates a focal point



HOUSE BEAUTIFUL SAYS...

'The lively tiles in the shower area define the space and are a contrast to the sleek grey and white elsewhere.'

GET THE LOOK



Batik pattern tile, £55 a sq metre, Topps Tiles



Collection ladder shelf, £29.99, Argos

Eden bar diverter shower, £365, Triton

WHAT IT COST

Paint	£45
Sanitaryware	£1,870
Shower	£1,984
Taps	£719
Worktop, furniture	£1,632
Floor and wall tiles	£1,297
Mirror	£450
Light	£204
Total	£8,201

SHOPPING LIST

Walls painted in Loft White intelligent matt emulsion, £45 for 2.5L, Little Greene. Bespoke furniture, £900; tongue-and-groove panelling, £263; painted in Burlanes Dark Grey No 4; Minerva solid surface worktop, £469; Crosswater Toulouse basin, £196; Crosswater Belgravia crosshead monobloc mixer, £256; Claygate Greenwich freestanding bath with skirt, £1,099; Crosswater Belgravia crosshead floorstanding bath shower mixer, £463; Crosswater Stream 11 WC, £467; Crosswater cistern, £108; JT Softstone shower tray, £946; Crosswater frameless glass screen, £588; Crosswater Belgravia shower valve with overhead shower head and slider rail with shower and diverter, £450; Taurus Columbine radiator, £500; Capietra Ashley encaustic tiles, £89 a sq metre; Impress Country Oak vinyl flooring, £78 a sq metre; bespoke mirror with light, £450; all Burlanes Interiors. Jessie bookcase shelf, £65, Habitat. Tabitha pendant ceiling light, £204, Exclusive Lighting

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