

Beautify Your Bathroom



Your bathroom may be the smallest room in your home, but remodeling it can feel like a huge project. Here are some tips from Home and Garden Television to help you get it done:

1. Function First. Like the kitchen, the bathroom is one of the hardest-working rooms in the house. Keep function in mind when planning any remodeling or decorating. Consider adding touches that make the room more user-friendly, such as a seat in

the shower or additional lighting.

2. Determine layout. Consult the plumbing layout when you are planning to move bathroom fixtures. Think about your daily routine and plan accordingly, keeping fixtures within logical reach of each other (for example, keep the towel rack near the shower).

3. Choose color and style. Think about what you want from the room. Should it be calming? Elegant? Fun?

Choose colors that fit your vision. Have fun with your theme or motif, but always keep in mind the size of the room. Too much will appear cluttered.

4. Accent with fixtures. Your faucet and other plumbing fixtures can add drama and appeal to your bathroom. Today's products offer a plethora of styles and finishes, such as brushed metal, brass and stainless steel.

5. Lighten up. Bathroom lighting is important. Use task lighting for the sink and mirror so you can see clearly. The entire bathroom, however, doesn't need to be drenched in glaring light. Use softer lighting elsewhere to enhance the mood.

6. Mix materials. Use fabrics and other soft objects to reduce the harshness of tiles and other hard surfaces. Choose soft and luxurious towels, mats and window treatments.

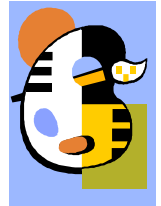


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Color Combinations 101

When using multiple colors in one room, follow the 60-30-10 rule: 60 percent dominant color, 30 percent secondary color and 10 percent accent color.



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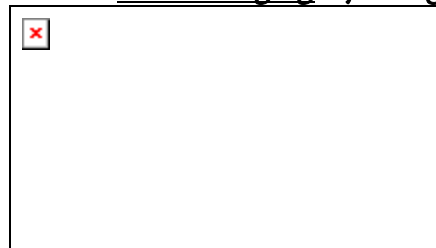
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