

Bathroom Renovation Planning Guide

Plan your dream bathroom step by step — from layout to finishing touches

A bathroom renovation is one of the best investments you can make in your home. This guide walks you through every decision and preparation step to ensure a smooth project.

[FREE CHECKLIST](#)

Design & Layout

- ☐ Measure your bathroom accurately — length, width, ceiling height, and window/door positions
- ☐ Decide on a layout: Will the bath, shower, toilet, and basin stay in their current positions?
- ☐ Choose a style: modern, traditional, or contemporary? Pick a colour scheme
- ☐ Consider storage: vanity units, mirrored cabinets, recessed shelving
- ☐ Think about ventilation: Is there a window? Do you need an extractor fan upgrade?
- ☐ Plan your lighting: overhead, task lighting around the mirror, accent lighting

Choosing Fixtures & Fittings

- ☐ Select a bath or shower (or both) — consider your space and daily routine
- ☐ Choose taps, shower valve, and showerhead style
- ☐ Pick a toilet: close-coupled, wall-hung, or back-to-wall
- ☐ Select tiles: wall tiles, floor tiles, and border/feature tiles
- ☐ Choose a towel radiator or heated towel rail
- ☐ Don't forget: toilet roll holder, towel hooks, bath mat, mirror

Hiring & Budget

- ☐ Get quotes from at least three bathroom fitters
- ☐ Confirm who supplies materials — you or the fitter?
- ☐ Ask about lead times for ordering tiles, sanitaryware, and fittings
- ☐ Set a realistic budget (typical full bathroom refit: £3,000–£8,000+)
- ☐ Factor in plumber, electrician, tiler, and plasterer if needed separately

Before Work Begins

- ☐ Agree a start date and expected timeline
- ☐ Check if you need building regulations approval (e.g. for new electrics in a bathroom zone)
- ☐ Plan for disruption: Will you have access to another bathroom during the works?
- ☐ Protect adjacent areas with dust sheets — bathroom refits create a lot of dust
- ☐ Order all materials and check delivery dates align with the schedule

Top Tip:

Order 10% extra tiles to allow for cuts, breakages, and future repairs. It's near impossible to colour-match tiles later.

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