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## 39 PAGES OF fresh BATHROOM STYLE

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LOVE THIS ROOM?  
see unbelievable before  
photos on page 16

THE NEW NEUTRALS  
**50+**  
BEST COLOURS  
FOR THE WAY  
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condo style  
FROM CLASSIC  
TO RETRO GLAM

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# FRESH ROOMS THAT MAKE A SPLASH

As anyone who's ever spent time in one can attest, the value of a striking, sumptuous bathroom is worth its weight in gold. The beige-and-brown bathrooms of a decade ago, with their spa-like Zen appeal, have now evolved to incorporate a new palette of colourful neutrals, be it metallic, grey, lilac or green, and a careful mix of materials - tile, wallpaper, wood and upholstery - that offer more of a sense of lush sanctuary. The rooms on these pages all fit that mould perfectly, but they also surpass the benchmark, showing us the small extras that elevate the ordinary thanks to the designers' attention to detail, trend and quality. As a bonus, we've identified 23 favourite must-haves that will keep any bath on high tide.

the new  
neutrals



Modern colour combinations create a clean backdrop for fabric, tile and wood.



Pattern and texture on the floor add depth without overpowering a space.



Marble tiles keeps things cool and airy, and go with any colour combination.



Dark wood elements are naturally luxe and work to ground lighter shades.

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CONTRACTOR SCOTT MCGILLIVRAY | STYLING ANN MARIE FAVOT



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# SOPHISTICATION

Refined comfort and pure beauty are the watchwords of this spectacular head-to-toe bathroom makeover.

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*old meets new*  
TEXTURE AND PATINA IN THE  
FORM OF AN ANTIQUE DOOR  
ADD LAYERS OF WARMTH.

Crisp white sets off the neutral grey walls of Style at Home editor-in-chief Erin McLaughlin's master ensuite. The room was gutted and reconfigured to create a serene, hotel-chic retreat.

**CONTRACTOR**, Scott McGillivray, [scottmcgillivray.com](http://scottmcgillivray.com);  
**DESIGN**, Dvira Ink, [dvira.com](http://dvira.com); Misty Memories 2118-60  
**WALL PAINT**, Heaven 2118-70 **WAINSCOTTING & TRIM PAINT**, Benjamin Moore; **PAINTING**, Brian Hanes; custom **WAINSCOTTING**, Alexandria Moulding; Shantung Silhouette Print 174582 **VALANCE & ROMAN BLIND FABRIC** in Wisteria, Schumacher; **SEWING**, InVu Drapery Co.; polished Bardiglio marble **FLOOR TILE** (custom-cut and installed in a herringbone pattern), Antica Tile & Stone; white Réve **TUB** with Brilliant Blanc **TUB BASE**, Kohler; antique **DOOR**, The Door Store; white **SCONCES**, Dunes and Duchess; **STOOL**, Ginger's; **SLIP**, Au Lit Fine Linens; **SHOES**, Miu Miu.

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*elegant shapes*  
A TUB WITH A SQUARE  
SILHOUETTE LENDS A  
MODERN, REFINED NOTE.



*waterfall counters*  
SEAMLESS STARON  
COUNTERS THAT FALL  
TO THE FLOOR ARE  
THE LATEST LUXURY.

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*big-box beauty*

THIS SIMPLE IKEA GODMORGON  
VANITY PROVES THE BEST  
SPACES OFFER A MIX OF ELEMENTS  
FROM BIG-BOX STORES AS  
WELL AS BOUTIQUE SHOPS.

little extras  
MAKE A PERSONAL  
STATEMENT WITH YOUR  
FAVOURITE PERFUME  
BOTTLES, VINTAGE  
VASES AND FRESHLY  
CUT FLOWERS.

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One thing readers already know about *Style at Home* editor-in-chief Erin McLaughlin is that she has unlimited talent in the style department. Most might also suspect that she does nothing by halves. But just like the rest of us, the reality is that her time is at a premium, subject to the unpredictable – and chaotic – schedules of work and family. So when she moved into her west-end Toronto home last year, it very quickly became clear that she'd need help taking on the renovation of her master ensuite. Even more, that she'd need consummate professionals to bring the room, a victim of an overenthusiastic colour scheme, from flashy to fabulous (see the before pics and behind-the-scenes operations on page 156). "The room is a good size," says Erin, "but it didn't have a bathtub, and the shower was tiny and had a sloped ceiling – definitely not ideal for someone as tall as me. Everything just seemed very closed-in. It was missing that luxurious, hotel bathroom feeling of restfulness that I really wanted."

Erin called in the help of the talented team at contractor Scott McGillivray's TV show *Income Property*, who transformed

**OPPOSITE** One of the jumping-off points for the decor of the room was this chinoiserie-inspired wallpaper from Schumacher. Erin loves how well the IKEA Godmorgon vanity, with its custom waterfall countertop, plays into the sophisticated scheme.

Shantung Silhouette Print 500152 **WALLPAPER** in Wisteria, Schumacher; **WALLPAPER INSTALLATION**, Brian Hanes; Godmorgon **VANITY**, custom Staron **COUNTERTOP**, undercounter Kathryn **LAVATORY SINK**, IKEA; widespread Loure **FAUCET**, Kohler; **VANITY HARDWARE**, Lee Valley Tools; **SOAP DISPENSER**, Ginger's.

**RIGHT** A luxurious soaker tub was an essential element in Erin's new bathroom. The Kohler Rêve freestanding bathtub fits the bill perfectly, and was instantly a favourite feature.

Rêve **TUB** with Brilliant Blanc **TUB BASE**, polished-chrome floor-mounted Purist **BATH FILLER**, Kohler.



**LEFT** Pretty perfume bottles set on a small tray give the feel of a hotel bathroom where toiletries are displayed for guests.

**PERFUME**, Chloé; pottery **VASE**, Meg Buckley; square white **TRAY**, Ginger's.



**RIGHT** All the lights in the room – from Eurolite’s shower spotlights to vintage sconces Erin has had for years – were put on dimmers for both energy-efficiency and ambience considerations.

**ARTWORK**, Virginia Macdonald.



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the space from top (including removing the brass mesh drop ceiling) to toe (Erin’s herringbone-patterned floor tile treatments were customized just for her by Antica Tile & Stone). Scott enlisted interior designer Dvira Ovadia of Dvira Ink, whose incredible space-planning and design skills were put to use rejigging the layout. Dvira suggested turning the space into an airy retreat, taking everything back to bare bones and reconfiguring the shower to a new height, encasing it in marble, and repurposing kitchen cabinetry from IKEA to work as “built-in” cupboards under the sloping eaves. The new plan left enough room to realize Erin’s dream of including a deep bathtub for a long soak at the end of a busy workday.

When it came to decisions on finishes, colour, fabric and furniture, *Style at Home* contributing design editor Christine Hanlon stepped in. “She takes my natural inclination for muted shades and classic lines and pushes it to the next level,” says Erin. “I love the chinoiserie wallpaper Christine picked, but left on my own I’d never have gone for it.”

That inspired collaboration produced a room that, like its owner, has unlimited creativity and full-on style.

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**LEFT** Polished-marble tiles laid in a brick pattern line the shower enclosure. Erin now has the benefit of bench seating and recessed storage for shower necessities.

**FACE CLOTH**, Ginger’s; **LAVENDER BATH AND SHOWER GEL & BODY LOTION**, Crabtree & Evelyn.



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*spa services*  
CREATE A PERFECT  
SANCTUARY WITH ALL  
THE LATEST BELLS  
AND WHISTLES.

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*space smarts*  
A WELL-PLANNED  
LAYOUT HELPS GIVE  
A ROOM TIMELESS  
APPEAL AND A SENSE  
OF LONGEVITY.

Opening up the space and adding neutral shades in muted colourways gives the bathroom its fresh, airy look. Repurposing IKEA's kitchen cabinets as bathroom cupboards and pairing them with high-gloss white Abstrakt doors and simple Gilra knobs keeps the aesthetic hotel-crisp instead of soft.

Polished-marble **SHOWER WALL TILES** in Silver Lining, Bardiglietto marble herringbone-patterned **SHOWER FLOOR TILES**, polished Bardiglietto marble **FLOOR TILES, COUNTERTOP**, Antica Tile & Stone; **MARBLE FABRICATION**, Dixie Marble & Granite; polished-chrome round Contemporary rain **SHOWERHEAD**, polished-chrome multi-functional Stillness/Purist **HAND SHOWER**, polished-chrome Purist **VALVE**, polished-chrome round WaterTile **BODY SPRAY TILES**, polished-chrome **SLIDE BAR**, elongated Saile **TOILET**, Kohler; **GLASS ENCLOSURE**, Timeless Glass and Mirror; **TOWELS**, IKEA; halogen **POT LIGHTS**, EuroLite.

