



# **Your Guide To A Modern-Style Bathroom**

## Abstract

Modern style can be mean different things to different people, but generally speaking, when we refer to modern design, some of the same concepts and strategies are often found: geometrical shapes, neutral or basic colors, little to no decorative flourishes, and natural materials.

## 1.Introduction

When designing a bathroom in modern style, the key is to look beyond this space. Does the style blend with the rest of your house? Now, keep in mind, you don't have to be matchy-matchy and blending doesn't have to be boring. But if your door knobs and hardware throughout the home are oil-rubbed bronze and you choose nickel for a hall bathroom, the change in finish could be distracting to the eye.

If you're remodeling a bathroom in a modern home, you'll be inspired by this guide.

Let's get started...



## **2. Choosing a Bathroom Layout**

Learn what factors to consider when planning your remodel in modern style.

Same goes for color scheme, except for the powder room, where drama reigns. If the master bedroom walls are painted a cheery yellow and you go for a burgundy wine colored bathroom, the jarring contrast will create a choppy feel, not the smooth transition you're after. Unless you plan on renovating the bedroom and changing the colors there, you want an adjacent bathroom design to go with the flow.

"If the bathroom is part of a master bedroom, it needs to tie in with color or texture—something," says experts. If the bathroom is in the hallway and not part of a suite, I don't think it has to flow at all. It can have its own feel, its own theme, and be fun—totally different. It's up to the homeowner."

As you consider the layout of your bathroom, take advantage of every square inch. Tabulate configurations for plumbing fixtures and cabinets. Be sure the tub you choose is the right size for the space—a common mistake. Decide whether you want a tub in your master bath, or if you'd rather give that square footage to the shower and enhance that bathing area with soothing body sprays.

Remember, when planning a space, it's all about you. (Sounds nice, doesn't it?) And, in the bathroom, design must result in a space that is safe, and will grow with you.

### **2.1. Bathroom Layouts That Work**

#### **Functional Zoning**

By organizing functional areas around a central space, you give the bathroom plenty of open space no matter its size. While kitchens apply a tried-and-true work triangle, there is no exact prescription for the best bathroom layout.

Space planning all depends on your lifestyle and the way you use the space. However, keep in mind when planning that if you must move the plumbing to accommodate your new design, the price tag of your project will be much higher than if the "guts" of your bathroom can stay put. That said, layout options are more limited when relying on existing plumbing hookups, drains, ventilation, etc.

Here are functional zones you might include in the design:

**Vanity.** The vanity area includes a countertop, storage and a sink or two. This zone also has a mirror, which is generally in a frame in today's designs. Mirror walls and large mirror slabs are outdated. In master baths, some homeowners are giving up the double sink to gain more counterspace. On the other hand, dual sinks are useful in family bathrooms where children or other family members share the space and want their own station.

**Shower/Tub Combination.** The old standby for a full bathroom is still a functional, affordable way to incorporate a shower and tub in the same small space. Ideally, a home will have at least one tub (important for resale), and this traditional fixture fits the bill (and the budget).



**Tub.** Supersized jetted tubs are outdated. They're out there, but who wants to pay the water bill to fill that thing on a regular basis? And you better plan on a separate hot water heater for those pool-sized vessels. Instead, master

bathrooms that include a tub are equipped with deeper, smaller tubs that are still built for two.

**Feature Shower.** Tubs are less commonly used in master bathrooms, and when they are used, they have a smaller footprint and are deeper. Homeowners are choosing to use the floorspace to expand their showers. Forget the old stand shower that feels like walking into a vinyl can. “Showers are getting bigger and including seats,” says expert. “At least one of the shower walls is coming down to a partial or half wall and we are putting glass panels on top of that and doing attractive floor-to-ceiling tile.” Meanwhile, fixtures have evolved to accommodate the demand to “soak” in the shower rather than the tub.

**Spa Shower/Tub Room.** Take that feature shower and expand it, then place a tiled, sculptural tub in the middle. What you get is a contemporary space that incorporates the best of both bathing features. “The whole space is tiled, and there might even be a fireplace in the wall or a television,” suggests expert. “Rather than being confined in the tub, you can stand up and turn on a shower head to rinse off. This design is becoming more and more popular.”

**Toilet.** It’s the most used feature in your bathroom and the one fixture you don’t want to position as your design focal point. The toilet can be tucked behind the entry door, placed beside a vanity alongside a wall and partially hidden, or closed in a dedicated “water closet.” A dedicated room is ideal in larger master bathrooms, and half-walls can help block the toilet space in roomier full baths or masters where an open-air feel is desired.

## **2.2. Pulling it All Together**

Depending on the size and shape of your bathroom, plan a design that incorporates the features you need. “Every inch counts in the bathroom,” says expert. There are regulations you must adhere to when placing fixtures in the space—space allowances for the toilet, sink, shower, tub. The National Kitchen & Bath Association provides recommended space allowances. Ask your designer how he is figuring those space guidelines into the design.

Also critical in a bathroom design is safety, including slip-resistant surfaces, proper lighting and features like attractive grab bars that can work as a hanger for

towels or a support in case you lose your balance. “The same logic with universal design bubbles up into overall space planning,” says expert. “We are providing more creative solutions for the long-term that are beautiful and are not a trade-off.”

As you plan your bathroom, here are some tips to create a layout that will work for you:

**1. The toilet sets the tone.** Whether you’re gutting the space or refreshing it cosmetically, the location of an existing toilet can dictate the design. (You can move it, of course, but it will drive up the price of your remodeling project.) “This is because you have a 4-inch stack drain that is tough to move,” expert explains. “You want to keep the toilet as close as possible to where it already is.”

**2. Take a headcount.** How many people will use this space? This can dictate how many vanity sinks you’ll need, how many drawers and cabinets for storage, whether you require a tub and shower—or not. “And, is the bathroom the only one in the house?” expert asks. “Design for function first, and then bring in the appeal.”

**3. Consider storage.** “Do you have to store towels and linens inside the bathroom?” expert inquires. “How much storage do you need for each person who uses the bathroom?”

**4. Give yourself space.** “There are rules and regulations for doing a proper bathroom, and sometimes people try to jam too many things into a small area,” expert says. Toilets need 30 inches of space, and the minimum for a shower is 30 x 30 inches (expert prefers 36 x 36 inches and loves to have 42 x 42 inches to work with). The center line of a sink should be at least 20 inches off the wall. “It should not be any tighter than that,” expert says. “And sometimes you’ll see people who want two sinks in a bath and they try to squeeze them into a 5-foot vanity, and that really is very tight. There should be 36 inches between sinks.”

**5. Overlap space.** If you’re working with an especially small bathroom footprint, one strategy for adhering to space allowances while fitting in essential plumbing fixtures is to overlap the clearance, says expert. “Your floor space for the entrance to the tub can also double as part of the clear floor space around the toilet,” she says.

**6. Clear the air.** Keep the space open and it will appear larger. You can accomplish this while still privatizing the toilet. “You can be creative with a frosted glass panel or a partial wall,” expert suggests. “With frosted glass, you can create a channel in the floor [to secure it], and it literally takes up ½ to 5/8 inch of space. You get a sense of privacy and separation without feeling claustrophobic.”

### **2.3. Ventilation, Please**

If there’s one room in the home that always needs to air out, it’s the bathroom. Beyond ushering out odors, vents serve the critical function of lifting damp air out of the room. When a bathroom is not properly vented, structural damage to the home can result.

Bathroom vents must exhaust to the outdoors—not simply up and out of the bathroom (and into the attic). “Then you put moisture in your attic and insulation, and I’ve seen instances where there was so much moisture in the attic that on cold days, the bottom of the wood deck froze and as it melted in the spring, it was like raining in the attic,” says expert.

That “rain” leaks through drywall and into the rooms below.

Expert says you need a powerful vent to get bathroom moisture out of the house. Specifically, the Home Ventilation Institute (HVI) recommends bathrooms smaller than 100 square feet have an exhaust fan that provides 1 CFM (cubic feet per minute) per square foot (about eight air changes per hour.) Bathrooms larger than 100 square feet should have a ventilation rate based on the number and type of fixtures in the room.

Toilets, showers and bath tubs need 50 CFMs each, says the HVI. A jetted tub needs 100 CFM.

So a bathroom that's 20x12 feet and has a tub (without jets), an enclosed shower and a water closet (toilet room) will require 150 CFM of vent power. You can install three separate vents in these functional zones (the ideal), or a single 150 CFM fan at a central location. You should leave a vent on for 20 minutes after leaving the bathroom. Consider a timer.

There are several venting options:



- Ceiling mount fans. This metal box, or housing, is recessed into the ceiling. A vent duct runs to the outdoors.
- In-line fans. The advantage of in-line fans is that they are less noisy than ceiling mount fans, and multiple fans can be connected to a single motor that is housed along the duct run (usually in an attic or crawlspace).
- Wall-mount fans. If there is living space above the bathroom, this unit is a solution. It mounts on an exterior wall and the motor is located right at the vent's exit point.
- Vent switches. Specialty switches include humidity sensors that turn on the fan when air become moist, and timer switches that turn off the fan after a set amount of time.

## 2.4. Conserving Water

A high-efficiency toilet can save up to 16,000 gallons of water per year for an average family of four—and you're not compromising flush power by choosing a high-efficiency toilet. "The flushing technology will meet your needs," expert assures, noting that up to 2 pounds of waste can be "processed" by these updated, efficient toilets.

But the toilet isn't the only plumbing fixture in the house that is a water guzzler. The lavatory faucet and shower are two other culprits that can be modernized with updated fixtures designed to conserve water—and save you money on your utility bill.





## 2.5. Efficient Bathroom Fixtures

Toilet. Look for a high-efficiency toilet that uses less than 2 gallons per flush. (The average is 5 gallons per flush.) expert’s high-efficiency toilets use 1.28 gallons per flush, expert says.

Vanity faucet. By selecting an efficient faucet, you can save 45 percent more water compared to older, standard fixtures, which is about 14,000 gallons of water per year for an average family of four, expert says.

Shower head. High-efficiency shower heads with water-saving aerators can save more than 7 gallons of water per shower, expert notes. Plus, you’ll avoid wasting water to heat up your shower with a “purge and pause” function that pauses water once it reaches a programmed temperature rather than allowing it to drain.

## 3. Ideas for Modern-Style Bathrooms

### 3.1. Modern Simplicity

Simple geometric shapes (dominated by squares and rectangles), the predominance of white with a little neutral gray, a natural stone backsplash, and little in the way of decoration.

The fresh flowers definitely make the room here. Not only do they add a touch of color (which you can change according to your mood), but they also make the bathroom less sterile, and more homey and welcoming.



### **3.2. Ultra-Modern**

A floating vanity makes the space look bigger, wall-sized windows make the bathroom seem like part of the landscape, and the transparent freestanding tub has almost no visual presence in the room.

This bathroom definitely has "minimal footprint" in mind. Every element is chosen to occupy as little space as possible—both physically and aesthetically. The transparent tub definitely makes this space!

### **3.3. Mid-Century Modern**

Modern style also extends to what designers call "mid-century," a decorating style inspired by the sensibilities and building practices of the 50s and 60s.

In this modern bathroom, it's the rounded corners of the vanity that gives the space its mid-century vibe. The dark wood paneling contrasting the neutral beige tile also contributes to this typically mid-century modern bathroom.

### **3.4. Wet-Room Modern**

If you lack the space for both a tub and a shower, why not combine the two in the same area? This wet-room style bathroom, uses its space effectively very effectively. Note the slight incline of the tile that helps water drain.

Modern features include the all-over dark tile, the simple shapes of the tub and toilet, and the decorative touch via plants and flowers.

### **3.5. Bright Accents**

Remember: modern doesn't mean colorless!

Modern bathrooms can accommodate color very well, especially if it's a single, bright shade. Yellow (as in this contemporary primary bathroom) red, blue, or green—as long as it's a saturated hue and used as an accent, it will enhance your modern design.

## **4. Small-Bathroom Shower Ideas That Bring Luxury to a Tight Space**

Fitting a comfortable and usable shower into a small bathroom can be a challenge, but there are ways to optimize available space. In general, a shower should measure at least 36 square inches. However, if your bath space is

especially petite, 30 square inches is the absolute minimum space requirement for a shower.

To determine the minimum shower size you'll need, step inside a few showers at a plumbing showroom or home improvement store. For a to-the-studs bathroom remodel or in new construction, map out a location and size for your shower on the floor and walls using duct tape or a marker. Then stand in the proposed shower space and move around to get a feel for what it would be like to use it. Will your elbows knock shower walls? Can you bend over without crashing into the shower door? You should also check whether you have enough space to store necessities, such as shampoo, conditioner, and soap. Consider these small shower ideas to help you fit a functional and attractive shower unit into a tight space.



#### **4.1. Small-Bathroom Shower Design**

A small shower is an excellent opportunity to make a statement. Cover the shower with tile in a bold color or unique configuration for a striking focal point. The limited surface area allows for a small splurge that won't go over budget. To save space, forego shower doors in favor of a fun fabric curtain that adds pattern and color to your small bathroom design.

## 4.2. Small Bathroom Shower Layout

In rooms with an irregular layout, you might need to get creative to fit a shower into a small bathroom. Consider building the shower back into a wall to maximize floor space in the main area. If your shower is near the bathroom sink, opt for a partial wall that separates the shower from the vanity but still allows light in through the upper glass panel. Install an overhead fixture inside the shower to brighten the space when in use.

## 4.3. Small-Bathroom Corner Shower



A type of corner shower in which an entry door straddles a clipped corner, the neo-angle shower is a popular choice for small bathrooms because it offers accessibility in tight spaces. Tuck it into a corner of a small bathroom, between fixtures, so the angled door is easy to enter from the center of the room. Minimum design standards suggest at least two feet of clearance space in front of any shower door.

## 4.4. Small Glass Shower

A glass enclosure makes any shower feel roomier by opening up the view and allowing in sunlight. It can also make a small bath appear larger, because the

interior shower walls stay on view from anywhere in the bath. Select a frameless enclosure for a sleek, seamless look that also eases cleaning concerns, because there are fewer places for soap and grime to collect.

#### **4.5. Shower Niche Storage**

Rather than add a space-gobbling storage tower or corner shelf to your small shower, transform the cavity between studs into a storage niche. Line the niche with waterproof materials that complement or match shower walls, such as ceramic tile or solid-surfacing, or use a molded prefab shower niche to add recessed storage.

#### **4.6. Small-Bathroom Shower/Tub Unit**

When there isn't space available for a separate tub and shower and you absolutely must have a tub, consider a tub-shower combination. Choose from molded models—which come in one piece or as two or more sections—or create your own combination by surrounding a tub with a waterproof surface, such as tile or solid-surfacing. Enclose the tub-shower combo with glass doors that slide or swing open, or add color and pattern with a fabric or vinyl shower curtain.

#### **4.7. Small Walk-In Shower**

If you rarely take a bath and can live without a tub, replace it with a small walk-in shower. Although the area once occupied by a bathtub might be narrow—about 30 inches in most cases—you could gain a shower that's about five feet long. That's plenty of room for a fixed showerhead at one end and a built-in bench at the other with a generous wall length between for multiple recessed storage niches.

#### **4.8. Small-Bathroom Shower Under the Eaves**

For an attic or upper-level bathroom, investigate under the eaves to see if there's enough height to tuck in a shower. Position the showerhead at the highest point inside the shower. Then, use the low-ceiling portion of the shower for a built-in bench if there's enough floor space remaining.

### **5. Bathroom Design Ideas That'll Inspire Your Own Relaxing Oasis**

A bathroom needs to be clean and tidy, but it doesn't have to be purely functional—especially if you appreciate a nice atmosphere for bubble baths or mirror selfies. Add a cozy chair or some proper window treatments, and you'll be amazed at how much it warms up the space (and improves your mood!). To spark some creativity in your own home, we've collected a slew of bathroom ideas to help you create an oasis for spa-level relaxation and style at home. Whether you're thinking of sprucing up the powder room and main bath, or you're embarking on a full-on ensuite renovation, we've laid out some major inspiration.

### **STICK TO ONE COLOR**

If you have a favorite color, why veer away from it? Plus, sticking to a one-tone color scheme will make things a lot easier during the design process.

### **ADD A PARTITION**

A great way to add more privacy to a shared bathroom? Separate the toilet area from the tub and sink zones with a partition.

### **SAVE SPACE WITH POCKET DOORS**



The ambient lighting radiates a soft glow, the wood finishes emit warmth, and the green floral wallpaper brings the entire room to life; together, these elements have a cocooning effect. And now for the logistical takeaways: Whether it's the



entrance or a closet enclosure, replacing hinges and installing pocket doors will end up saving a lot of usable space in a small bathroom.

### **HANG A GALLERY WALL**

Sure, it might not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of bathroom decor, but what else are you going to do with that otherwise-unused space above your shower?

### **EXPOSE NATURAL MATERIALS**

When your home is blessed with gorgeous natural bones, keep them exposed. Materials like brick and stone add so much dimension. Add color with accessories and a sense of polish with fancy soaps.

### **TAKE YOUR SHOWER OUTSIDE**

Outdoor showers can dramatically increase the value of your home.

### **ANIMATE THE CORNER**

Add a tree in the corner for a low-lift update that has a ton of transformative power.

### **PLACE YOUR SHOWER STRATEGICALLY**

The baby blue zellige tiles and sleek matte black and glass enclosure make a modern statement. A floating bench adds both formal and functional value, too. Also, if you're renovating or adding a bathroom in an attic or somewhere with a sloped ceiling, make sure you place it strategically so it's at the highest point.

### **USE AN ETAGERE FOR EXTRA STORAGE**

Another great way to introduce a ton of storage room without having to drill into your walls for custom cabinetry and shelving is by sliding in an etagere.

### **USE ALL AVAILABLE SPACE**

Use all available surfaces as makeshift shelves, whether it's a windowsill or mantle. While fireplaces aren't exactly frequent bathroom fliers, we're digging this one as an unexpected statement. The floating tub clearly steals the spotlight, though.

## ADD A STEP STOOL

When decorating a child's bathroom, opt for colors and motifs that are both youthful and timeless.



## LOOSEN UP

A bathroom is a perfect place to have a little fun with pattern, shape, and color.

### Some More Highlights

- Add Café Curtains
- Incorporate A Curved Vanity
- Mix Up The Scale
- Make It Subtly Art Inspired
- Don't Overlook Sconces
- Forgo A Basic Window
- Make It Double As A Library
- Hang A Bold Chandelier
- Install A Shelf For Decor
- Don't Forget To Have Fun
- Make Marble Pop With Complementary Pain
- Get Inspired By Your Environment
- Make It Like A Spa

- Add Seating
- Don't Be Afraid Of Wallpaper
- Shake Things Up With Lighting
- Vary Tile Styles
- Add A Fireplace
- Bridge Two Spaces
- Bridge Inside And Out
- Focus on Bathroom Cleaning

### **5.1. How To Make Your Bathroom Tiles Look Sparkling Clean?**

When it comes to bathroom cleaning, the tiles often get neglected. Over time, they accumulate mould and mildew, hard water stains, soap scum, etc. Neglecting the cleaning makes your bathroom look dull, and the cleaning also become more challenging.



Dirty bathroom tiles also promote the growth of germs and bacteria, leading to various allergies and diseases. So, you must clean the tiles perfectly by following some easy DIY methods.

If you plan to clean your bathroom at the end of the tenancy, you should avoid DIY methods. Instead, look for professionals who offer thorough end of lease cleaning Newcastle. They use their experience and skills to ensure that the bathroom looks sparkling clean that help you to clear the final inspection.

If you want to clean the bathroom on your own, then you need to follow some specific ways.

Read on to know about how to make your bathroom tiles look sparkling clean.

### **Daily Care**

If you want to maintain the shine of your bathroom tiles, you need to make a little effort on a daily basis. All you need to do is to make a solution by adding two tablespoons of all-purpose cleaner in a gallon of hot water. Then scrub the tiles with this solution.

Finally, use a microfiber cloth to buff the tiles until they look sparkling clean.

### **Use Natural Solutions**

Instead of using store-bought products, you can make your bathroom tile shiny by using the following natural ingredients. Certified end of lease cleaners in Newcastle also use such products.

**Vinegar:** Fill a spray bottle with vinegar and apply it on the bathroom tiles. Then scrub the area with a sponge and thoroughly rinse it. Finally, wipe the tiles with a dry piece of cloth.

**Liquid Dish Soap:** If the tiles are too dirty, you should use liquid dish soap and warm water. Scrub the dirt from the surface with a scrubber and thoroughly rinse the tiles.

**Baking Soda:** Sprinkle enough baking soda on a damp sponge. After that, scrub the dirty tile surface with it. The texture of baking soda will effectively remove the dirt and stains from the bathroom tiles. Finally, wipe the area with a wet rag or thoroughly rinse it.

### **Use Steam Cleaner**

A steam cleaner is another excellent way to clean the bathroom tiles. Steam is beneficial to remove tough dirt and bacteria from various surfaces, including tiles. All you have to do is fill the machine's tank with water and turn it on. Clean it properly by pushing it along the tile surface.

If you have any doubts, contact the manufacturer of the steam cleaner or follow the instructions. You can rent the machine from any nearby hardware store in

Newcastle. Professionals often use a steam cleaner to clean bathroom tiles. Research properly and take your time to find reliable end of lease cleaners online.

### **Cleaning The Grout**



Shiny tiles look bad when adjacent to dirty grout. Therefore, you should also clean the grout. Prepare a paste using hydrogen peroxide and baking soda and then apply to the grout. Wait for a few minutes before scrubbing the spot with an old toothbrush.

At last, rinse the spot so it looks immaculate. If you want to stay away from the unnecessary hassles, hire professionals who offer the best end of lease cleaning in Newcastle.

### **Add Extra Shine**

When you want extra shine on your bathroom tiles, you can follow a tactic. Spray lemon oil or furniture polish on the tiles and buff with a soft, clean microfiber cloth. After that, the tiles will look sparkling clean.

However, you must avoid using lemon oil or the polish on the tub floor or shower; otherwise, these surfaces will become slippery, leading to severe injury.

### **Do Not Rush**

People often wash the tiles immediately after applying a cleaning solution. It is one of the cleaning mistakes you'd never realise you're making. Do not rush after you have applied a cleaning solution – be it is store-bought cleaner or natural products.

Give time to the cleaning solution so that it can break down the dirt and remove it quickly. You should wait for at least 5 to 7 minutes after applying the solution. Finally, wash the tiles properly.

### **Hire Professionals**

If you have a hectic schedule, cleaning bathroom tiles can be very challenging. It is because bathroom cleaning needs time, planning and effort.

To complete the job flawlessly and save your time, contact a reliable end of lease cleaning company in Newcastle. They use natural products and advanced tools to accomplish the task without stress.

Cleaning your bathroom surfaces, particularly the tiles, is considered time-consuming and stressful. But it doesn't have to be like that if you follow the correct approach.

So, follow the aforementioned ways to accomplish the task perfectly. If you are moving out of the rental property and want to get back the bond money, hire experienced end of lease cleaners in Newcastle.

### **Conclusion**

Hope you like this guide and will be helpful for you to make your bathroom modern. We have shared all the useful and interesting factors that you need to consider.

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