



# SOAKING IN STYLE

## - Designer makes a splash in her own beautiful bathroom

**T**he challenge of renovating as a designer and renovation expert is you can see all the possibilities. What's the best layout for you? What's your focus: family? guests? And depending on how long you plan to stay at home, you may also want to consider resale value. The confusion comes when all these goals don't align. This was the case for my personal reno.

I debated to go either; option one, two bedrooms and two three-piece washrooms; option two, three bedrooms and a single large four-piece washroom. I leaned toward option one for my needs, but when I factored in the time I'd be there and resale value, I realized it made more sense to go the other direction.

The benefit of option two is it allowed me to still have an ensuite (a door from the master bedroom to the washroom), plus a tub and a shower. The goal to create a warm aesthetically-stunning and functionally-perfect bathroom was achieved.



The custom vanity offered a classic Palm Springs that inspire a dainty feel when paired with the substantial Victoria + Albert wall-mounted faucets. The delicately-curved quartz backsplash and curved top medicine cabinet help soften the overall look. There's so much here that you can't see too! Adding to the sophistication and comfort of this washroom are the wifi enabled heated floors and the built-in speakers that all speak to my Control4 Smart Home system. I love that I can touch one button to set the scene for a relaxing long soak in this tub.

Now that it's all said and done, I have my bigger luxurious ensuite. I'm sure it was the right decision and in the long run, choosing one larger bathroom, even with a few bells and whistles, can be cheaper than the two mid-sized ones.

### TIPS

Getting The Look:

1. Keep your palette low in contrast to create a sense of calm.
2. Don't forget to address the ceiling - the fifth wall. It's often overlooked and can really add drama and uniqueness to your bath space.
3. Repeat, repeat, repeat... design should always look intentional so repeat elements to build on your theme.

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All the finishes share a hint of glamour with low contrast. The palette in soft chalky blue-grey adds an ethereal feeling of the space. The architectural ceiling details are accentuated by cladding the 12' high shower wall in a delicate glass tile inspired by the sea. Your eye is drawn up by the natural light cascading across the wall from the ventilating skylight above. The surface mounted Victoria + Albert shower faucet

in brushed nickel blends well with the wall, but its strong industrial style feels masculine against the watery tile. This juxtaposition between masculine and feminine elements plays throughout the space.

The gorgeous Victoria + Albert tub in a shade of light grey is a wonderful standalone element. And it is positioned in such a way that the window and robust wall-mounted faucets are centred on the tub.



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