

# Personal spa

Add instant luxury to your ensuite



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**R**enovating your ensuite bathroom can transform a utilitarian stop-off into a tranquil retreat. Consider comfort and elegance, and you can have the spa of your dreams.

Whether your budget is small or unlimited, you can achieve your oasis. Think outside the box and try converting a piece of furniture into a beautiful vanity. Bring in gorgeous lighting such as wall sconces, pot lights, or a wonderful chandelier over an unbelievably luxurious bathtub. Replace the huge yellowed, plugged-with-goo fan that's in the middle of the ceiling. And for an instant update, replace your standard nondescript mirror with a beautifully and uniquely framed one.

Indulge in the best tiles you can afford. Installing in-floor heating under marble tiles is an instant luxury. Add to the watery spa feel with glass floor tiles (yes, glass floor tiles!) to bring the ocean right in. As an added luxury, add an electric towel warmer so you can wrap yourself in warmth after a relaxing soak.

Now remember the small stuff. Bring in sumptuous towels and display everyday toiletries in beautiful glass jars. Have oodles of heavenly soaps and lotions on hand.

Keep in mind the following don'ts: Don't keep the nasty carpet. Don't get started without a plan. Don't buy the first thing you see. And don't do it yourself—hire help to have it done properly.

Keep this room clutter-free and well-organized, and you can continue to indulge yourself in luxury every day. ■





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