

brooke⁺

disaster to delight

a bathroom from start to finish

IT'S A SCENE STRAIGHT OUT OF CHANGING ROOMS - A NEGLECTED BATHROOM COMPLETE WITH MOULD, MILDEW, DATED TILES, PEELING WALLPAPER & A POST-WAR SUITE FOR GOOD MEASURE.

THE OWNERS OF THIS EMBARRASSING EXAMPLE OF DOWDY DECORATION WERE AT THEIR WITS' END WITH THE BATHROOM.

THE OLD BATHROOM....



GROTTY OLD TILES

BUMBLE BEE WALLPAPER



THE HOUSE, WHICH WAS BUILT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1950'S, NEEDED TO BE DRAGGED INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. BUT WHAT COULD THEY DO? WHERE COULD THEY START? A TRIP TO BROOKE CERAMICS PROVED TO BE THE TURNING POINT; ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS PROVIDE THE MEASUREMENTS AND THE REST WAS LEFT TO THE DESIGN TEAM.

DAY 1... OUT WITH THE OLD.

ON SITE....



PAUL MACHIN OF MK SERVICES AND PHIL MORLEY OF TILE FIX LTD ARRIVE AT THE HOUSE BRIGHT AND EARLY....

OFF WITH THESE UGLY TILES



ONCE THE OLD BATHROOM SUITE HAD BEEN REMOVED, PHIL GOT TO WORK...



FINISH SEALING



AFTER THE AREAS OF REPLASTERING HAD BEEN DONE, THE NEW BATH COULD BE INSTALLED AND PHIL WILL BE READY TO LAY THE UNDERFLOOR HEATING.

DAY 2... DAY OF CHANGE.



NO-MORE-PLY BOARDS FITTED

UNDERFLOOR HEATING LAID...



LEVELLING THE ADHESIVE...



THE FIRST WALL TILES ARE FIXED....



CUTTING TO SIZE



PERFECT FIT

THE DAY WE'LL SEE A CHANGE AS THE BATHROOM WALLS AND FLOOR BEGIN TO BE TILED, FIRSTLY FITTING THE NO-MORE-PLY BOARDS TO CREATE AN EVEN SURFACE FOR THE UNDERFLOOR HEATING & TILES.

DAY 3... TRANSFORMATION.

THE LAST OF THE TILING



ADDING THE MOSAIC....



AFTER FINISHING THE LAST OF THE TILING, PHIL SETS TO WORK GROUTING THE FLOOR TILES.



THIS ONCE-GROTTY BATHROOM NOW LOOKS LIKE IT BELONGS IN A POSH HOTEL. WHERE ONCE THERE WAS PEELING WALLPAPER, BARE FLOORBOARDS AND MILDEW, THERE ARE NOW STYLISH, NEUTRAL TILES COMPLEMENTED BY A SOPHISTICATED MOSAIC BORDER AND STATE-OF-THE-ART NON-SLIP FLOOR TILES ON TOP OF UNDERFLOOR HEATING.

DAY 4... HOMEWARD RUN.

ANOTHER EARLY START! 6.30AM. PHIL ARRIVES TO FINISH THE LAST OF THE GROUTING, SO PAUL THE PLUMBER CAN COME AND FINISH FITTING THE BATHROOM SUITE.

GROUTING THE WALLS...



FINAL TIDY UP



NEW BASIN INSTALLED...



INSTALLING THE FINAL SHOWER PARTS



THE GUYS WORK INCREDIBLY QUICKLY AND BY 4PM THEY ARE FINISHED AND THE NEW BATHROOM IS READY TO USE.

A VISION IN CREAMS AND NEUTRAL SHADES, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE SAME ROOM - IT'S ACTUALLY A PLEASURE TO SPEND TIME IN THE BATHROOM. NO LONGER DO OUR HEARTS SINK WHEN WE SEE LIMESCALE AND WATER STAINS, AND NO LONGER DO WE GROAN AT THE SIGHT OF PEELING WALLPAPER AND MOULDY GROUTING.

THE KIDS ARE SPENDING MORE TIME IN THERE AND NO LONGER NEED COERCING INTO HAVING A BATH.

ONCE A SHABBY, DEPRESSED LOOKING ROOM...



GONE ARE THE WALLPAPER & THE GROTTY TILES....

NOW BRIGHT & FRESH - IT LOOKS FANTASTIC!



IT ALL LOOKS SO MUCH BIGGER,
NOT TO MENTION FRESH, CLEAN AND BRIGHT.

THIS ROOM HAS MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO FAMILY
LIFE IT'S INCREDIBLE, BUT NOT ONLY DOES IT LOOK
WONDERFUL, IT WORKS FOR US.

THE ROOM IS A TRIUMPH!

THE END