

bathroom

We've grilled the top bathroom gurus to get the lowdown on everything to do with renovating and decorating

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Michael Blaszak,
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Designer Michael may excel in the very technical design field of kitchen and bathroom installation, yet he does so from a surprisingly artistic perspective. Amid all that competent project management and expert knowledge, clients may also choose custom-designed wall art for their space. Beautiful.

Philippe Randall, Studio3design

An architect of a design firm, architect Philippe is regularly working across projects in the corporate, retail and hospitality industries as well as residential projects. Her forte? Building spaces that will last the distance both in quality of fixtures and timelessness of style. Philippe is holding recycled blackbutt; see ironwood.com.au



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What's the next big trend in bathrooms?

"Space permitting, a separate shower is always a winner. And with larger homes, separate toilet, shower and bath are very attractive, allowing three separate users concurrently."

Best tiling "I love dark mosaic tiles, 20mm to 70mm in size, from Artedamus (artedamus.com). These are great for falls in tight spaces. Use matching-coloured or dark grout for easy maintenance." (See page 201.)

Best benchtop "For the vanity, use a reconstituted stone top with a polished square edge, such as CaesarStone, or 50mm to 70mm laminate with a thick edge."

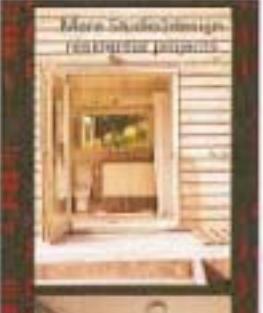
Top handles "If you must use cabinetry hardware, try anything from the range at Madinaz (madinaz.com.au). Otherwise, have undercuts in doors and lips to pull open – this maintains a clean, flush line, particularly suitable for small rooms."

Handy accessories "Heated ladder towel rails in chrome are great. Bunnings has some for around \$400; otherwise the Madinaz TR404 towel rail."

What about the walls? "Use large rectified edge tiles to reduce the amount of grout. Try Classic Ceramics (classicceramics.com.au) or Academy Tiles (academytiles.com.au)."

Designer tips? "The integrated strip stainless steel floor drain is a favourite detail (see right), or the Smartie floor waste with tile insert – elegant and practical." See justbathroomware.com.au

Inspirations? "French architect Le Corbusier (1887-1965), Italian designer Carlo Scarpa (1906-1978), Finnish architect Alvar Aalto (1898-1976) and Mexican architect Luis Barragan (1902-1988)." →



1. Iittala Alvar Aalto 'Savoy' vase in Black, \$295, Top3 By Design.
2. Smartie exhaust fan in Electric White, from \$72.95, HPM Home.com.au.
3. MDZ 144OF-32 cabinet handle in Stainless Steel, \$11.80, Madinaz.

Philippe holds pressed-edge floor plate, from \$800 for 90cm, Just Bathroomware.

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