

bathroom experts

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



THE SPECIALIST DESIGNER

Michael Masini, Fluid Design
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.

THE DESIGNER

Philippe Randall, Studio3design
As director 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 **blekbutt**; see borwood.com.au



THE ARCHITECT

Ian Moore, Ian Moore Architects
Ian is renowned around the world for his smart, minimal design, which extends from his award-winning buildings to the smallest interior fixtures. Most recently, Ian lent his expertise to the luxurious new Caroma Bathroom Series (www.csrooms.com.au). Ian is holding the Tiber Rain overhead shower, \$460, Dori.



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THE PRODUCT EXPERT

Ross Coen, Cass Brothers
The family-run Cass Brothers business began 38 years ago as a humble hardware shop and is now one of the leading designer bathroom supply houses in the country, selling basins, toilets, taps and the rest – yes, including the kitchen sink. (Well, we had to get that in somewhere!) Ross is holding the Evolute overhead shower, \$465, Cass Brothers.



ON FLOOR
Kohler Mythical Basin, \$1524, and Volo overhead shower, \$2020, Cass Brothers.

philippa randall architect, studio3design studio3design.com.au

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 flooring "I love dark mosaic tiles, 20mm to 70mm in size, from Artedomus (artedomus.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 Madinoz (madinoz.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 Madinoz TR404 towel rail."

What about the walls? "Use large rectified edge tiles to reduce the amount of grout. Try Classic Ceramics (classiceramics.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. Little Alvar Aalto "Sevy" vase in Black, \$298, Top3 By Design.
 2. Silestone exhaust fan in Electric VHM, from \$72.95, 1875M (1875m.com.au).
 3. M02 144CF-32 cabinet handle in Stainless Steel, \$11.90, Madinoz.
- Philippe holds precision-edge floor grate, from \$600 for 90cm, Just Bathroomware.