

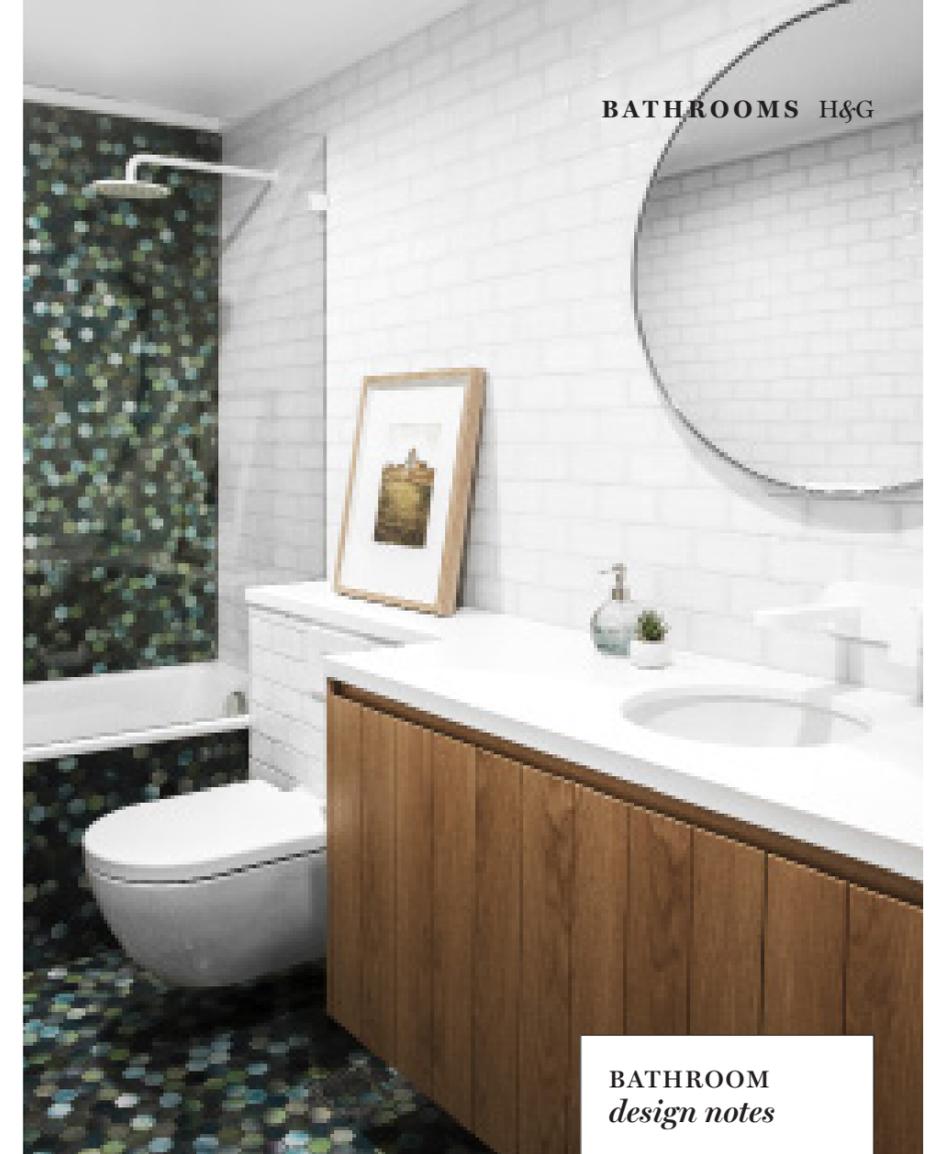
Out of the blue

Inspired by its waterside locale, this impactful makeover goes well beyond the pale.

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“THE OWNER WANTED A LOW-MAINTENANCE BATHROOM WITH QUALITY TAPWARE.”

Lauren Mahoney



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BATHROOM *design notes*

WALL TILES Majorca white subway tiles, Teranova.

FLOOR & SHOWER WALL TILES Glazed basalt green mix hexagon mosaic tiles, Teranova.

VANITY Custom V-groove cabinetry in Briggs Veneer 'American White Oak' (crown-cut). Vanity designed by Decoroom and constructed by BK Kitchens.

BENCHTOP Caesarstone Pure White.

TAPS Metropolis wall-mounted mixer in special powdercoat white, Astra Walker.

BASIN Rona undermount basin, Astra Walker.

MIRROR Mira round mirror in Mist, Warranbrooke.

BUILDER TPS & Co Construction.

When it came to deciding on the palette for the rejuvenation of a dull and dated Sydney ensuite, Lauren Mahoney of Decoroom Interior Designers didn't have to look far for inspiration. She directed her attention to the townhouse's idyllic harbourside setting.

A watery expanse of glazed sea-green hexagonal tiles now washes over the bathroom floor and shower feature wall, providing an enchanting contrast to crisp white fixtures and finishes. For owner Suzanne Hyne, who shares the home with one of her young adult sons, Edward, it has proven a joyous result.

As Lauren says: "Suzanne swims every morning down in the baths right near her townhouse. She connects with the water, as she lives right on Sydney Harbour, so we thought to use the colours surrounding the home and bring them inside."

When Suzanne moved into the townhouse, the existing ensuite was a far cry from a fresh, stylish pamper zone. "It was circa 1980s, with salmon floor tiles, cream wall tiles, no storage and horrible fittings that were broken and worn," recalls Lauren. "Suzanne wanted a low-maintenance bathroom with quality tapware. She also loves original iconic furniture makers like Ercol and Featherston, who used a lot of lighter timber pieces."

For this reason, American oak veneer was selected for the vanity joinery, juxtaposed against a stone benchtop, subway-tiled walls and those ocean-inspired green tiles.

"You can't go wrong with white walls," says Lauren. "I also went with white tapware and white Caesarstone tops to lift the space." For all concerned, the renovation process was a happy and satisfying one. "The client was wonderful," says Lauren. "She can't believe her '80s bathroom was transformed into such a beautiful and easy-to-use space."

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Double duty

Style and functionality are maximised in this neatly executed Sydney bathroom.

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The powder room may be one of the smallest rooms in the home, but in this reborn Sydney townhouse it's one of the hardest working. Serving a dual purpose as a laundry and tucked away behind a screen of bifold doors when not in use, the wash zone packs a style punch, too. Yet that wasn't always the case.

"It was previously a room with one pedestal vanity and no colour or interest in the palette," says interior designer Lauren Mahoney of Decoroom Interior Designers. "I wanted to make this space purposeful and exciting. Guests use the powder room, but it also has to serve as a laundry that's hidden away."

A hexagonal encaustic floor tile in vivid emerald is the hero of this eye-catching new space, which was transformed over a period of just 12 weeks alongside the rest of the home. "The owner loves green," says Lauren. "She also adores her garden by [landscape designer] Adam Robinson, so we made the connection."

In a play-off between colour and texture, American oak also takes on a key role. "A little colour can add wow factor," says Lauren. "If you're scared to take the plunge, balancing it with white or timber can help." The owner embraced fun and colourful interiors and was thrilled to be guided into them, she says.

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WALL TILES Majorca white-gloss subway tiles, Teranova.

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WALLS Dulux Snow Green Half.

PENDANT Flowerpot pendant, Great Dane.

LAUNDRY DOORS Deco 4S doors painted Dulux Vivid White, Corinthian Doors.

MIRROR Windsor mirror in oak, Warranbrooke.

HANDLES Round timber pull, Designer Doorware.

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