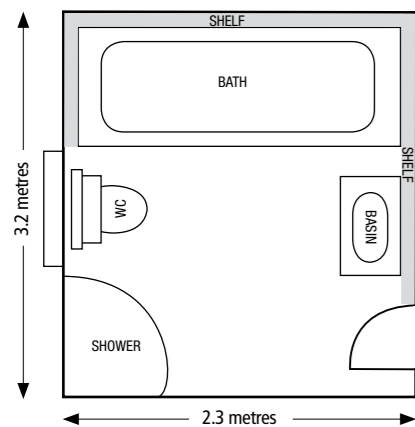


BEFORE...

● Dated decorations and a tiny shower that leaked meant the bathroom was not user friendly.

WHO LIVES HERE...

● Clare Jackson, 39, managing director of an events company, and her husband, Graham, 43, a company director, with sons Sam, 11, and Aaron, eight, in a detached house in Woking, Surrey.



When did you move here?

Six and a half years ago, when Sam and Aaron were toddlers. We wanted a big house that would accommodate our growing family.

What prompted you to update the bathroom?

The boys were getting too big for the shower, so it seemed a good time to give the room a makeover. Graham and I had to use our ensuite, which we refurbished when we moved in.

Who did the work?

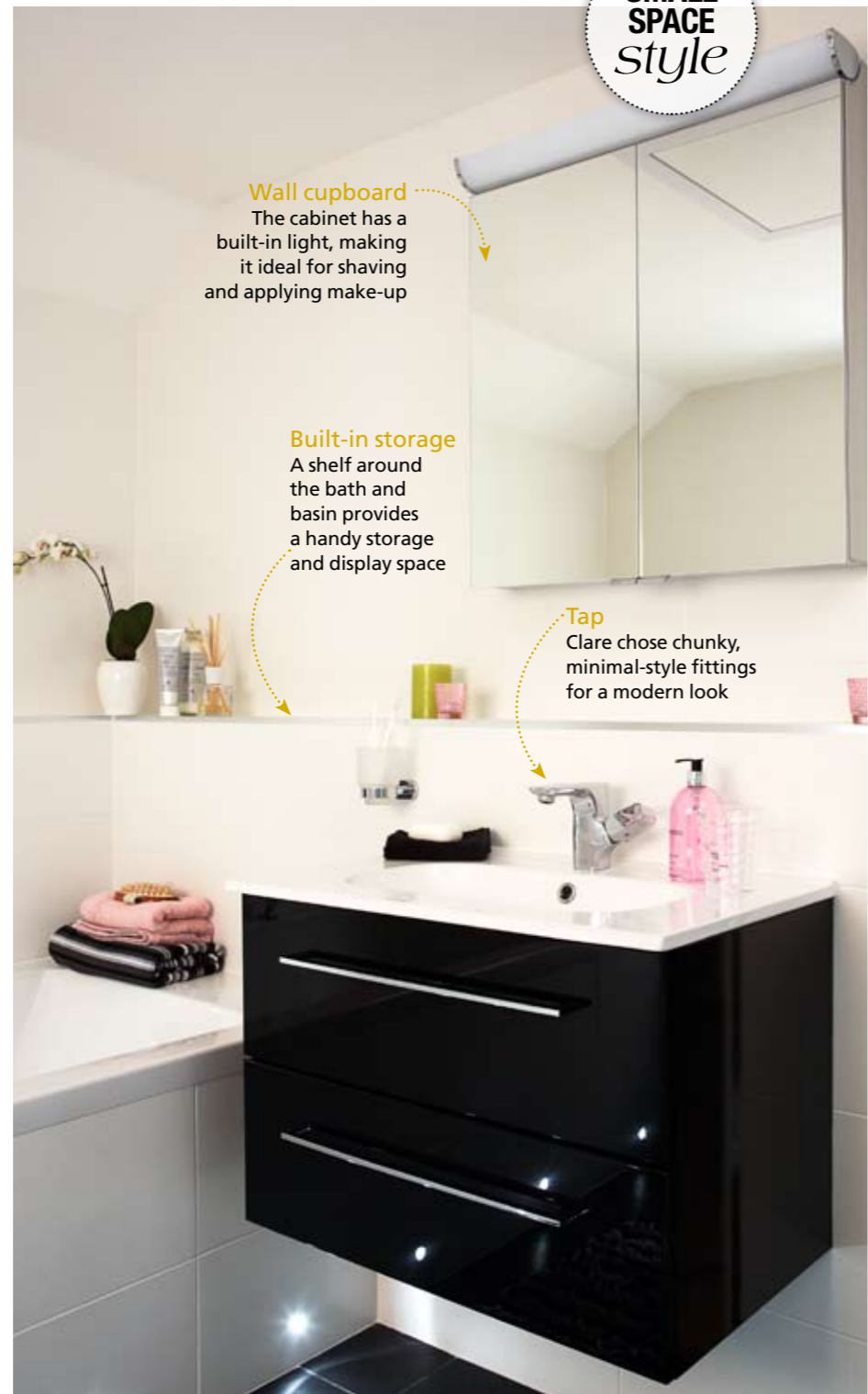
Local company Raycross Interiors had redesigned and installed our ensuite bathroom, so we decided to use them again. They provided options and lots of advice for the

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Room TO GROW

With two sporty sons, one family needed a bathroom that wouldn't cramp their style

SMALL SPACE style



Wall cupboard
The cabinet has a built-in light, making it ideal for shaving and applying make-up

Built-in storage
A shelf around the bath and basin provides a handy storage and display space

Tap
Clare chose chunky, minimal-style fittings for a modern look



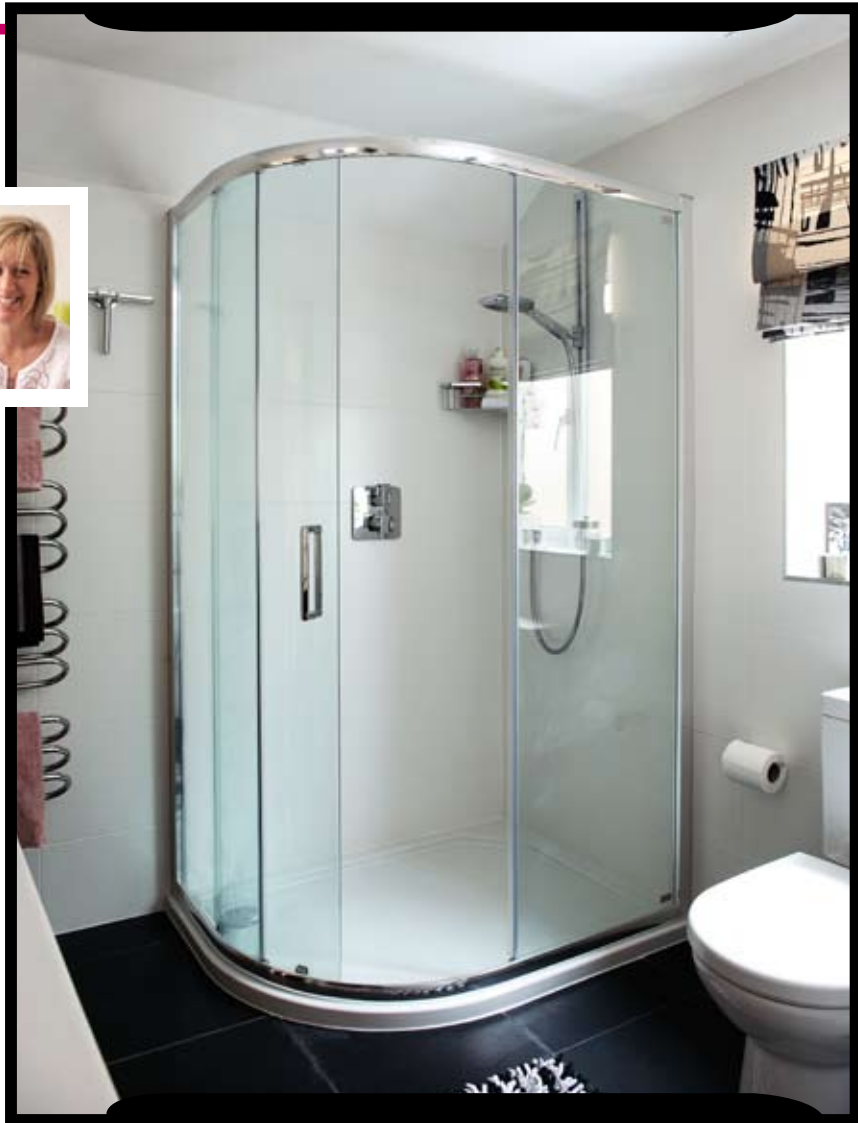
Fabric blind
The blind matches the monochrome scheme, which has green and pink accessories adding splashes of colour

'THE ROOM IS NOW STYLISH AND PRACTICAL FOR ALL THE FAMILY. THIS LAYOUT WORKS BETTER FOR ALL OF US,' SAYS CLARE

Lighting
LED lights in the bath panel illuminate the floor and, together with those in the recess above, create a relaxed mood at night and give the room a real wow factor

Flooring
The texture of the floor tiles contrasts with the gloss basin unit to add subtle interest. Underfloor heating provides extra comfort

'WE'RE DELIGHTED WITH THE RESULTS. THE ONLY PROBLEM NOW IS THAT EACH OF US SPENDS A LOT LONGER IN THE ROOM BECAUSE WE ALL LOVE IT SO MUCH!' SAYS CLARE



ABOVE The large shower enclosure has a space-saving sliding door and the curved frame makes the most of the corner space
LEFT The Axor Urquiola bath mixer with an attractive single lever adds contemporary style and the glossy chrome matches the shower frame and radiator

room and our budget and dealt with the whole project, which made it hassle free for us.

Did you and Graham work together on the ideas?

We discussed the fittings, colours and furnishings at length, but I managed to get what I wanted by perseverance and determination! He even came round to my choice of taps.

What was your plan for the project?

We wanted it to look spacious, so decided on a large wall-hung basin cabinet that could store toiletries so surfaces would be clutter free. I had my heart set on a recessed shelf beside the bath that would light up. I love the contemporary, sculptural feel and in the evening it looks

wonderful as the lights, which are on a separate switch, cast pretty shadows around the room.

Were there any extra-special touches you wanted to include?

To make the bathroom feel both luxurious and up to date, we installed a pull-out hand shower for the bath and LED lights along the bath panel.

How did you decide on the size of the fixtures?

We opted for a large bath (180cm x 80cm) and a spacious shower enclosure (120cm x 90cm) because Graham is tall and the boys are growing fast. After football they're often muddy, so I put them inside and leave them there until they're clean! We positioned a heated towel rail on

the wall near the shower, so it's easy to reach for a towel.

Tell us how you chose the colour scheme

Ours is a predominantly male household, so I decided to go for a black and white scheme – though I accessorised with touches of lime green and pink to bring a softer, more feminine touch to the room. If I want to change the feel, I can do it easily by bringing in new accessories and towels.

SHOPPING LIST Assoll white wall tiles, £38 a square metre; Keano porcelain floor tiles, £55 a square metre; Dansani vanity unit, £979; Carron bath, £470; Hansgrohe shower, £932; Merlyn shower enclosure, £1249; Hansgrohe Axor Urquiola single lever bath mixer, £280.32; Hansgrohe Axor Urquiola single lever basin mixer, £360; Bisque towel warmer, £809; WC suite, £340; all Raycross Interiors. Roller blind made up in Format Granite, £13.23 a metre, Kingdom Interiors. Bath mat, £14, Next Home. Pink towels, from £3 for a hand towel; bath products from a selection; all Marks and Spencer. Pink votives, £5 for three; orchids from a selection; all Tesco. Manhattan striped towels, from £2.99 for a hand towel, Dunelm Mill

WHAT IT COST

- TILES £925
- BATH £470
- SHOWER £932
- SHOWER ENCLOSURE £1249
- WC SUITE £340
- BASIN AND VANITY UNIT £979
- TAPS £640.32
- CABINET £777
- TOTAL £6312.32

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