

Measure your bathroom!

Measure up and draw a **bathroom plan** of your bathroom at present. Measure the room size, position and size of fittings, doors, windows etc. That will give us an idea of the existing shape of your bathroom and the location of any pipe work and drainage.

Make a Bathroom Floor Plan

Measure your bathroom at floor level and again 90cm from the floor - use whichever is the smaller measurement for your floor plan. It's best if the floor plan is drawn to scale, using squared paper makes it a much easier task.

Once the plan is made you then have **2 main options**:

Firstly, you could keep everything in the position it is in now and simply upgrade all the fixtures and fittings. This is the cheapest option with regards installation as no plumbing will need to be modified.

Secondly, you could totally redesign the bathroom, which might include knocking through walls or simply rearranging the fittings. This tends to be the best option if you are trying to free up extra space in a **small bathroom** or incorporate a new product (for instance a bathroom shower enclosure). A redesign will be more expensive however, due to the extra plumbing costs and possible structural work. It's always best to get a quote first if you want such work done.

Make sure when planning the bathroom that you **leave enough space** to move around in. The products that you fit all need a certain amount of space to be functional, always take this into account and if in doubt ask one of our sales assistants for advice.

Remember whatever the actual size of your bathroom, it is the layout of elements within that determines how big or small the room feels. A **small bathroom** well planned can feel spacious, while a large bathroom poorly arranged can feel cramped.

Don't forget - take the plan with you to the bathroom showroom!

Decide which bathroom styles you like

There are a lot of different **bathroom designs & styles** available, however they can generally be summed up as either: traditional, modern or designer. Deciding which of these suits your individual taste most is a positive step towards choosing your perfect bathroom suite.

Take a look at some magazines, lifestyle TV programmes or the internet to help you decide. These mediums are also useful for gaining some extra inspiration.

Decide what products you want in your bathroom?

This is quite a straightforward question, but it does require some careful thought. What **bathroom products** are you really after? Some products you will almost definitely need include:

- Basin
- Taps
- Toilet
- Seat
- Bath and/or Shower Enclosure

There are many other bathroom products you may want to consider:

- Bidets
- Heated Towel Rails
- Accessories
- Tiles
- Bath Screens
- Bathroom Scales
- Cabinets
- Other bathroom furniture
- Bath Panels
- Mirrors
- Lighting

Know your water system

Know your water system and if possible your water pressure. The water system fitted in your house will decide the type of shower you can install. Also some modern basin and bath taps will only work with a **minimum water pressure**. Identifying your water system is usually a very straightforward task. If you don't know we can do a test on Survey and advise you on what system you have and at what pressures it's operating at.

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