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# DIY bath

## Trending...

Bathrooms continue to be one of the top DIY renovation projects and today's savvy homeowner wants a stylish bathroom combined with the convenience of the latest fixtures for a family-friendly space. Common trends today reflect a more simplified and minimal design direction. Bathrooms can be a single specific style or can be a combination of styles mashed together. The most popular colour palettes remain neutral and white is still the colour of choice for sinks, tubs and toilets. Wood of varying finishes is becoming increasingly trendy when used as an accent for mirror frames, feature walls and vanities. Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring has made wood flooring in bathrooms possible since it has the look of wood but won't absorb moisture. Double sink vanities are now available in a variety of widths making them ideal for multi-user bathrooms, big and small. A separate shower and bathtub is a more popular choice than a bath/shower combo if you have the room and wall tile is no longer just for inside the shower but from floor to ceiling on other walls as well. Faucets and showerheads have many fantastic finishes to choose from as well as options like water conservation and self-pressurization. When you are at the planning stage of your bathroom renovation, come talk to a TIMBER MART Bath Expert. We carry the latest in bath style and technology and we'll answer your questions and explain your options. We have the expert advice to help you choose the right products and fixtures for you and your budget.





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## What to look for in a tub

If you want to add value to your home, and have a place to relax or bathe the kids, a bathtub is a valuable investment that can completely transform your bathroom. Whether you're purchasing a tub for the first time or replacing an old one, there are a number of important features to consider. Firstly, choosing a tub is dependent on two things – what you want out of your bathtub and how practical it is to install in your bathroom.

The most common bathtub, the standard tub, is the most affordable option and is great for families with small children. For convenience factors, a shower and bath combination is also popular. However, if you're looking for a tub that will provide ultimate relaxation, consider a soaking tub, which is deeper and often wider than a standard tub. Alternatively, you can invest in a tub that has jets installed for muscle relaxation and a massage-like experience.

Your tub options will be limited to the space you have available. An alcove tub, which is enclosed on three walls, is often the easiest option. If you're limited on space, a corner tub or a shower bathtub combination is a great option. If you have a larger bathroom, a freestanding tub is a stylish and sophisticated alternative.

If you want the tub to be a feature in your bathroom, a freestanding tub is a great option, if you have the space. Traditionally, the freestanding tub sits on claw feet, but for a modern look they can be placed directly on a bathroom floor that can support the tub's full weight. A drop-in tub is another option, which can be placed inside a frame to match your bathroom perfectly. Similarly, an aesthetic undermount tub has tile or stone decking that surrounds the top of the tub for a touch of luxury. The most affordable bathtubs are made out of fiberglass or acrylic. Other alternatives like cast iron, steel, marble or copper will cost you more, but will retain heat better. If you want to go with one of these options, keep in mind that they will be heavier and therefore cost more to install.

Traditionally, the tap and faucet is put at one end of the bath, so that one person can lie with their feet towards them. Nowadays, it is popular to have a double-ended bath, which has the taps, overflow and drain in the centre. This enables the user to choose which way to lie, and is great for taller family members. Head to your local TIMBER MART to find the perfect tub for your bathroom that aligns with your needs and budget.



## 5 styles of bathroom sinks

When renovating your bathroom, choosing the style of your sink can be a big decision. You will quickly discover that there are many options available. Here are our five most popular bathroom sinks, so you can find the perfect style to suit your space, needs, budget and personal taste.



### Pedestal

The pedestal is a classic and elegant style of bathroom sink that is perfect for concealing a drainage pipe that needs to go through the bathroom floor. They are ideal for smaller bathrooms. However, if you require under-sink storage or value your counter space, this may not be the best option for you.



### Undermount

For a seamless sleek bathroom sink design, you can't beat an undermount sink. The sink sits underneath the countertop, so it is easy to wipe up water and spills. An undermount sink will cost you more than other alternatives, as it needs to be installed in a stone countertop. This option is great for busy family bathrooms.



### Top mount

Top-mount sinks work well with most countertop materials, including wood and laminate, because the cut-out is covered by the sink. The rim style can vary from slim to chunky, depending on personal taste. Although this is cheaper than an undermount sink, you won't be able to clean around the sink as easily.



### Vessel

The vessel sink traditionally sits on top of the counter and can therefore be a great focal point of your bathroom. The vessel sink is both stylish and modern – perfect for an ensuite or master bathroom. As they sit higher, they are better suited to adults. If you prefer a deep sink that holds lots of water, the vessel sink is for you.



### Integrated sink and countertop

With an integrated sink and countertop, the sink is molded into the countertop for a streamlined approach. This means that like an undermount sink, the integrated sink and countertop is easy to clean, making it a great option for busy bathrooms. This is a common pre-made style of sink, that you can also buy custom designed.



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## Set the style with a bathroom vanity

Choosing a bathroom vanity is one of the key decisions in a bathroom renovation. The size of your space will determine the size of your vanity unless you have a large space where you can perhaps have two vanities. Once you have the size, choose the vanity style based on your home's décor and your personal taste. Other things to consider are the type of storage that will work best for you, number of sinks, cabinet colour and finish. Often, a countertop and integrated sink is included with the vanity or can be purchased separately. You can also opt for a separate countertop and a separate sink for a more custom look. TIMBER MART carries a range of vanities in coordinating collections from trusted suppliers in the latest designs and trends. We also have a wide variety of countertops and cabinet door hardware for a more style-specific look. Whether you're going for traditional, contemporary or transitional style, we can help you choose the best vanity for your space.



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# Save/splurge

## When to save and splurge on a bathroom renovation

Renovating your bathroom is a great way to add value to your home. The good news is that it doesn't have to cost you a fortune. Get the best return on investment and cheat the system with these bathroom splurge and save tips.

SAVE	SPLURGE
<p><b>Flooring</b> Bathrooms need to be practical, but this doesn't mean you need to skimp on style. Ceramic tile, porcelain tile and luxury vinyl flooring are relatively inexpensive flooring options that won't suffer from water damage.</p>	<p><b>In-floor heating</b> As Canadians, in-floor bathroom heating is a luxury worth the cost. If your bathroom doesn't have an alternative heat source, this is a great investment. You can thank us later.</p>
<p><b>Bathtub</b> For greater return on investment, we recommend having at least one bathtub in the house. Unless you are installing the bath for your own enjoyment and want to splurge on the extras, an acrylic or fiberglass tub will do.</p>	<p><b>Shower</b> Nothing says style and sophistication like glass shower doors. Frameless glass doors will cost you more, but they are less likely to leak or become mouldy, saving you time and money in the long run.</p>
<p><b>Toilet</b> The toilet will be the last thing people notice in your newly renovated bathroom. Standard toilets already come with low-cost options like height or elongated seat. Put your money towards more visible splurges instead.</p>	<p><b>Vanity</b> Spending money on a beautiful vanity with plenty of under-sink storage is worth the splurge. Luckily, vanities that tick all these boxes can be reasonably priced. You may spend a little more on streamlined plumbing, but it's worth it.</p>
<p><b>Lighting</b> Having good lighting in the bathroom is essential, but it doesn't need to be expensive. Multiple lighting options in the bathroom will add value to your home, especially if each is able to be controlled separately.</p>	<p><b>Fixtures</b> Investing in high-quality fixtures and hardware, like one-handed faucets and shower heads, is worth the splurge. If you want to go all-out and install a rain shower for your personal enjoyment, go for it.</p>



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## MOEN® Faucet innovations



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Showerhead  
with Immersion  
Technology

Technology is transforming today's bathrooms into highly functional and efficient spaces. High-tech upgrades are creating personalized spaces for a more relaxing experience. Moen is a leader in bath technology and these are some of their many innovations.



### Immersion

Immersion is an innovative technology that provides optimal water pressure and excellent coverage for an unparalleled rainshower experience. Immersion's self-pressurizing system channels water into a circular pattern for consistent, substantial water pressure. Other rain showers are gravity-fed so the water collects in the showerhead and slowly trickles out creating a droopy, low-pressure experience.



### Magnetix

This is magnetic docking for handheld showers. An integrated magnet means removing the handshower is simple and putting it back is a snap, even when your eyes are closed. With no cradle or clip on the shower arm, Magnetix is perfect for any size shower or anywhere you want a more streamlined look. Six unique spray functions provide a customized experience and optimized spray force on every setting.



### M•PACT

Change your faucet style without replacing any plumbing! It's as easy as changing a light bulb. Using just two simple tools, an Allen wrench and a screwdriver, you can enhance your bathroom style in minutes. The system is available in a variety of attractive styles and elegant finishes. Change fixtures at any point while decorating, during construction or years down the road.



### Flo by Moen

The best way to avoid water damage is to prevent it and this smart water valve detects and stops leaks. From your toilet, shower or faucet, to your pipes, this device monitors all of them so there's no surprises.

#### Smart water detectors

Simply place this discreet 3.5" water detector in areas vulnerable to water damage and it will notify you through the Flo by Moen app.



# Bathroom colour

One of the first decisions in a bathroom renovation is choosing a colour palette that will set the tone of your space. While choosing colour finishes of fixtures might be fairly straightforward, choosing a wall colour to tie it all together might be more daunting. Luckily, the colour experts at PPG and Sico are well acquainted with colours that work specifically in the bathroom for the overall look you want to achieve. Click the links on the right for information about all your bathroom colour options. From monochromatic to the latest colour trends, PPG and Sico will guide you to the perfect colour choice.



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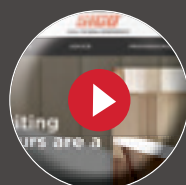
Finding the right paint colours for your bathroom



Great bathroom paint colour schemes



Top bathroom paint colours



Bathroom colours: Clean, inviting paint colours are a must





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# Easily repair old caulking in your bathroom

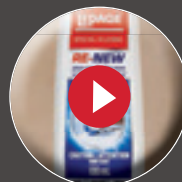
## No need to remove the existing caulk!

Damaged caulk can have a lasting impact on your bathroom. Deteriorating, old caulk is prone to several negative effects, which could include leaks, excess water seeping into walls, mould growth, and unsightly yellowing of the caulk. Luckily, **LePage** has an innovative solution for you that lets you repair old yellowing or cracking caulk in a series of quick & easy steps that provide a lasting, durable seal.

- 1** Clean the existing caulk with a damp cloth. If the surface features excess mould, use a mould cleaner.
- 2** When the surface is dry, apply **LePage RE-NEW** over top of the existing caulk. Maintaining the nozzle at the same angle throughout the application, the self-tooling applicator will provide a smooth finish.
- 3** Repeat the tooling process as necessary to accomplish the desired finish. Do not press down.
- 4** If unsatisfied with initial results, immediately remove **RE-NEW** with a damp cloth and start over.
- 5** Clean the applicator with a damp cloth. If using the squeeze tube, be sure to reapply the cap.
- 6** Once complete, your bathtub or shower is ready in 6 hours. **RE-NEW** eliminates, repels, and prevents mould from growing once properly applied, and is flexible and waterproof.



**LePage RE-NEW** is an innovative solution for repairing ugly looking caulk in your kitchen and bathroom. Available in both squeeze tube and cartridge depending on project size.



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# Build an ensuite bathroom

There's no question that adding an ensuite bathroom to your master bedroom will increase the value of your home. It's what today's home buyers want and are willing to pay for. Where to find the space in an existing structure can be tricky and expensive. Cost will largely depend on your home's plumbing and electrical placement as well as the type of bathroom you want. If plumbing and electrical are not close to your ensuite site, running them at any distance will drive up the price. Walls and floors may have to be opened up to add the necessary water supply, drainage and wiring. Consulting a professional at this stage is a good idea for at least roughing in the plumbing and electrical. Another thing to consider at the planning stage is what the building codes are in your area. Better to know what you can and cannot do to your home before you start construction. Space for your ensuite can be found in a number of places: an adjoining bedroom or hallway can be made smaller or eliminated; a part of the master bedroom can be sectioned off, or a walk-in closet can be converted. For a small 3-piece bathroom, you'll need at least 25 square feet. Generally, the smaller the bathroom, the smaller the budget. If you are planning to have a large ensuite, your budget can easily balloon. A double vanity is very practical for the way couples live today but it also means you will need to purchase two sinks, two faucets and more lighting. The sky is the limit when it comes to kitting out your new ensuite. Smart design choices don't always add up to a big budget. Perhaps foregoing the bathtub will allow you to have a large walk-in shower with multiple shower heads. Ask a TIMBER MART Bath Expert for ways to trim your budget without sacrificing the bells and whistles you want.



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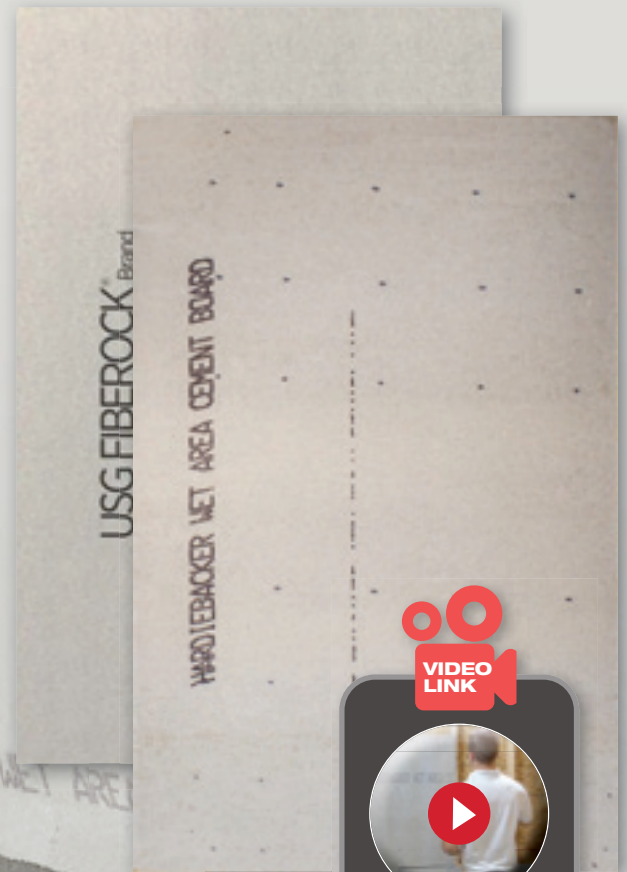


# Start with a solid foundation

Tile in a bathroom has become a statement of style in recent years. It is a durable and practical solution that can withstand direct contact with water. Because of this, a strong, waterproof foundation for your shower area is extremely important for longevity and structural soundness. Cement board is by far the best product to use to ensure outstanding moisture resistance. It is the heaviest type of drywall, is cut with a knife or jig saw and uses concrete screws instead of drywall screws. When installing, there are specific steps that should be followed to ensure your shower structure remains dry. First, start with a vapour barrier behind the board and use a single piece to avoid seams. Make it oversized and trim after the cement board is installed. Install cement board with gaps between sheets. These gaps as well as corners will be covered by fibreglass mesh tape and thin-set mortar to lock them together. Also tape and mortar where regular drywall and cement board meet. On top of the cement board, add a waterproof barrier that will be directly behind the tile. Once this is installed, you are ready to tile. Following the proper steps when preparing your walls, and not taking shortcuts, will ensure your shower structure is strong, safe and dry.



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