

PROJECT  
DETAILS

**DESIGNER**  
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**PROPERTY**  
A five-bedroom  
new build

**WORK**  
Part of the new  
interior design for  
the whole house

**LOCATION**  
Toronto, Canada

# HIGH DRAMA

A bold combination of monochrome tiles  
gave this en suite plenty of personality

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A couple replaced their old house with a new build and enlisted their designer friend, Ali Budd, to guide them through it all. ‘The key was to mesh her love of the classic with his love of modern design, which became the perfect combo in their en suite.’

## 1 PLANNING AHEAD

Ali and her team came on board while the architectural plans were being developed. They provided input to the design where the main en suite is on the second floor connected to the homeowners’ bedroom and walk-in wardrobe. ‘My friend’s direction was simply for us to create a beautiful, bright and functional space with hits of visual interest,’ says Ali.

## 2 TAKING NOTE

The team responded by layering textures and finishes: fluted vanity drawers; a pale grey wood-effect plank unusually fitted to the ceiling; a monochrome mix of tiles that take centre stage. ‘We both immediately fell in love with the intricately patterned floor tile and ornate border as it really speaks to her taste for traditional design,’ says Ali.

## 3 IN LARGE MEASURE

The shower is generous and made more expansive by the large piece of glazing with minimal framing. Alongside sits a simple matt stone composite bath. Storage is maximised with a bespoke double vanity unit and a full height, built-in cupboard next to the shower. Ali prioritised the separate make-up station at her friend’s request. ‘We custom designed this in-house with reeded drawer fronts and a stone countertop in Arabescato marble,’ she says.

## 4 A TOUCH OF LUXURY

Gold fittings and bespoke mirrors are the luxury details that complete the project. ‘Working with my best friend was the perfect scenario as she trusted me to bring our vision to life,’ says Ali. ‘They couldn’t have been happier to see the finished space and I was over the moon when they agreed to be featured in my new TV show *House of Ali* on Apple TV.’

### TRADITIONAL BLEND

**‘The pretty floor tiles are “old world” in the best possible way as they’re still relevant in a modern setting and please both clients,’ Ali explains. ‘They became the foundation for the entire scheme.’**

Boheme’s Paix Sombra; Bellaria 2 and 3 floor tiles, all Metro Source. English Black and White Fragment wall tiles are similar, Stone Tile. Arcus mirror is similar, William Wood Mirrors. Fluted 1200mm white wall hung vanity unit, is similar, Hudson Reed. Odin’s taps in luxe gold, Brizo. Melange Pill Form sconces in Alabaster with brass accent, Kelly Wearstler