

BATHROOM PROJECT

Narrow win

SUBTLE GOLD FITTINGS AND A SWEEP
OF TERRAZZO LIFT CARLA COLLINS'
BATHROOM BEYOND THE ORDINARY

PROJECT
DETAILS

WHO LIVES HERE?

Carla Collins lives here.

THE PROJECT

Relocating the bathroom in
a three-bedroom detached
Edwardian house in
New Malden, Surrey.

TOTAL COST

£14,000



BEFORE

'The room is only 1.65m wide because the adjoining wall had to be built out to fit pipework, yet it still feels spacious thanks to the walk-in wet room, the layout and running the terrazzo over the floor and up the wall.'

Saneux Uni back-to-wall WC pan, £349; Uni soft-close seat and cover, £126, both Simply Bathrooms (Surrey)



'I planned to have a vanity with storage but I loved this design with the moss green basin as it's a bit different.'

Vitra Plural basin unit in Matt Black, £693; Vitra Plural square low bowl in Matt Moss Green, £539; Roper Rhodes Theory wall cabinet, £426, all Simply Bathrooms (Surrey).



'I liked the idea of a modern freestanding bath but it had to be comfortable. I sat in a slipper bath in a showroom and it didn't feel right, while this design was perfect.'

BC Designs Esseta bath, £3,086, Simply Bathrooms (Surrey). Round wall mixer in Champagne, £239, Meir

FOCUS ON... TERRAZZO IN BATHROOMS

How to make this surface both practical and eye-catching...

■ Authentic terrazzo is made from recycled chips of marble, quartz, granite or glass set into a resin or composite. Real terrazzo needs to be sealed to make the surface impermeable and stain resistant.

■ Tiles can be slippery so look out for a non-slip finish. Terrazzo is not the cheapest tile option – expect to pay around £90-£135sq m.

■ Terrazzo-effect tiles are made of porcelain and are more hard-wearing and affordable, at around £40-£70sq m. The pattern may be applied to the surface to replicate the look. Spend a little more and the chips of stone go all the way through so you won't need to use a tile edging trim.

■ In both cases, there are many colours and patterns. Tiles will be cool to touch so consider pairing them with underfloor heating.



'Geometric tiles in a contemporary format really appeal to me.'

Domus Poise tiles, £6.98 each, Simply Bathrooms (Surrey). Round shower on rail, £429; rose with curved arm, £429; both in Champagne, Meir

TILE FOCUS
Pink grout highlights the tiles' shape and draws out the pink in their taupe hue

THE PROBLEM

A cramped and tiny bathroom with space only for a shower

THE SOLUTION

'This pretty house is ideal as the first home I've owned by myself but with the main bedroom across the front and two smaller ones across the back, the bathroom squeezed onto the landing was never a selling point. I wanted a luxurious space with modern, clean lines and

a separate bath and shower. The solution was to turn the box room into the bathroom. The space was quite narrow, which was resolved by Simply Bathrooms (Surrey) (@simplybathrooms), who designed all the fixtures down one side with an open wet room shower. They managed the building work too – useful as relocating

the bathroom came under building regulations. For the look, I wanted something unexpected and colourful and was drawn to geometric shapes and terrazzo tiles – they're the hero features that draw the room together. I love the bathroom and now I have a desk nook on the landing. The project has been a success all round.'



ABOVE 'This handy alcove shelf looks gorgeous. I picked a terrazzo-effect tile in browns and greys - the small fragments give the finish a delicate look.'

Terrazzo Nouveau Ivory Matt porcelain tiles, £63.60sq m, Mandarin Stone. Ficus poster, from £10.95, Desenio, is similar

RIGHT 'This narrow glass folding screen is a great space saver and it protects the room from getting wet without obstructing the eyeline.'

Shower Lab View 19H panel/hinged return, £880, Simply Bathrooms (Surrey). VOS radiator in Matt Black, £255, JTP

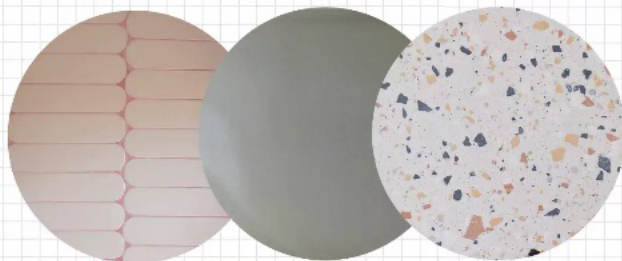


LUXURY FITTINGS
A champagne finish has a warm, soft rose pink tone

“I decided I’d rather have a glamorous bathroom I’d use every day instead of a boxy third bedroom I didn’t really need”

CARLA COLLINS, HOMEOWNER

KEY SURFACES



LEFT TO RIGHT Tiles Domus Poise rounded gloss DWGR 02 tiles, £6.98 each; washbasin Vitra Plural square low countertop bowl in Matt Moss Green, £539, both Simply Bathrooms (Surrey). Terrazzo tiles Terrazzo Nouveau Ivory matt porcelain tiles, £63.60sq m, Mandarin Stone

BATHROOM SOURCEBOOK

Bath, BC Designs; washbasin unit and basin, Vitra; shower tiles, Domus; shower screen, Shower Lab; WC, Saneux; wall cabinet, Roper Rhodes, all Simply Bathrooms (Surrey) ([simplybathrooms.co.uk](https://www.simplybathrooms.co.uk)). Terrazzo tiles, Mandarin Stone ([mandarinstone.com](https://www.mandarinstone.com)). Taps and shower fittings, Meir ([meirtaps.co.uk](https://www.meirtaps.co.uk)). Radiator, JTP ([itpuk.co.uk](https://www.itpuk.co.uk)). Wall lamps, Dyke & Dean ([dykeanddean.com](https://www.dykeanddean.com))