

My punchy pastel bathroom brings me joy

An uplifting scheme of pink and green transformed Heather Craig's previously dull bathroom into a happy space to be in

Heather Craig, 34, bought a four-bedroom, 1940s house in Dunfermline with her husband, Brian, 40, which had already been extended, and she couldn't wait to make the home their own. 'All the rooms were very bland, which isn't me as I love colour,' says Heather, who shares snaps of her vibrant home on Instagram @heatherrosicolivehome. 'The bathroom was particularly depressing, with brown walls and beige tiles that had been tiled over twice. The vanity was too big and too high – we think it might have been a kitchen cupboard.' As their children, Rosie and Olive, were small when the couple moved in, they didn't start on the bathroom straight away. Then the shower broke a couple of years later, becoming the catalyst for their new-look room. 'We knew the bathroom would be an investment, so I wanted it to feel special and luxurious, as well as practical for the family,' says Heather. 'A free-standing bath was a long-held dream of mine and I liked the idea of light, fresh shades of pink and green.'

STEP ONE By now, Heather had had plenty of time to plan the space. One of the plus points was the existing shower cubicle, made by the previous owners, who'd taken space from the adjoining bedroom. 'I would never have thought of doing this and it meant we could have a bath,' says Heather. 'But I

changed the layout and found a bath to fit across the room, instead of down the side, to make it feel more open.' Heather looked for a vanity to recess into the alcove next to the shower, but the decision to clad the bathroom walls with wood changed the plan. 'I liked the idea of having traditional panelling, modernised with vibrant paint,' she explains. 'The panels covered the recess though, so the vanity is positioned a little further forward. The design has worked out well because it's created a useful shelf beneath the mirror.'

STEP TWO Heather isn't a fan of chrome fittings and was concerned black would show

▶ Heather found expensive-looking brass taps to match the tones of the natural materials in her scheme, at a price point that suited her budget

Good idea!
Cladding the walls in wood panelling keeps tile costs down and can easily be repainted if you fancy a change.



▶ Heather has used natural materials to add warmth to her pastel paradise, including a circular bamboo shelf from Matalan for displaying posh toiletries, plants and ornaments

▶ The trick to using several colours in a room is to add touches of each throughout, as Heather has with the blue abstract artwork, which ties in with the shower tiles



Before



Feature Jane Crittenden Styling Alison Gibb Photos Douglas Gibb

▼ For a luxurious shower experience, Heather has tiled the enclosure only in contrast grey-blue stripes to separate the shower from the rest of the space



Good idea!
Use the same tile design in two colourways to pull together a vibrant, multi-hued scheme.



▲ Heather's Tikamoon vanity, which she has protected with varnish, echoes the bamboo shelf and wood ledge. To contrast with the geometric tiles, she has chosen curved shapes for her lighting and mirror, from [MADE.com](#)

water stains, as it does with the black floor she'd inherited in their kitchen, so she looked for an alternative that would work with her chosen palette. 'I thought brass would sit well against the pink and green colour scheme,' she continues. 'I assumed it would be too expensive though, and I was really surprised to find companies like Victorian Plumbing and Drench sold brushed brass fittings at prices that were within our budget.'

STEP THREE Pink and green is Heather's favourite combination, and the decorating thread that runs throughout her home. 'We've been bold with pink in Rosie's bedroom and the kitchen, so I chose a muted pink with grey tones that works for Brian, too,' she

says. 'The minty green was recommended by Lick, where we bought the paint.' As Heather searched for hexagon tile ideas on Instagram, she found inspiration from interior designer, Sophie Robinson, who'd used Ca' Pietra tiles in her home. 'I looked at their website and settled on candy pink and blue-grey hexagon tiles,' she says. 'I played around with the patterns and decided on a pink abstract design for the floor and blue stripes in the shower.'

STEP FOUR The couple bought everything for the bathroom before lockdown and stored it in their garage. A bathroom company took on the entire project in summer 2020, which – aside from a tiler, who wasn't too pleased with Heather's tile patterns – ran smoothly. Soon, she was styling the room with art, accessories and plants. 'There's still a lot to do in the house but our new bathroom has elevated it to a higher level,' she says. 'It's a happy and relaxing place to be in.' [View](#)

3 OF THE BEST... pink and green finds

£8 from B&M

For an easy way to introduce a new colour into a room, go for barely there splashes of it, as with this bath mat with hints of green.



£8

£22 from Claude & Leighton

Softens a bold scheme with abstract geometrics, like this delicate gingko leaf print in a zingy pastel palette.



£22

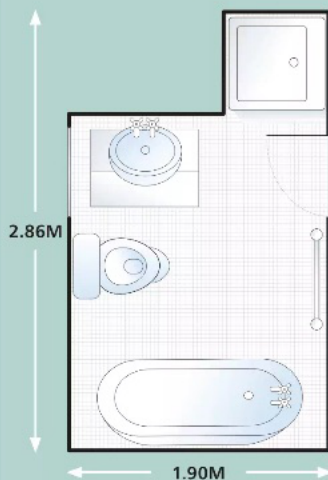
£20 from Lime Lace

Made the switch from bottles to bars? Display your soap of choice on this terrazzo dish with an 80s vibe.

£20



ROOM PLAN



THE DETAILS

PAINT	£72
TILES	£950
BATH AND TAP	£1,025
SHOWER	£925
TOILET	£170
BASIN VANITY AND TAP	£648
TOTAL	£3,790

SHOPPING LIST

Mode Hardy free-standing bath, 1,600 x 750mm, £374.25 (now £599), Victoria Plum. Britton Hoxton floor-standing brushed brass tap, £594.15; Metro close coupled modern toilet, £169.95; Arezzo brushed brass round thermostatic shower pack, £429.95; Arezzo matt black grid frameless pivot shower door, 1,970 x 700mm, £309.95; Mira Flight low square shower tray, £124.94; Arezzo brushed brass 90mm high flow shower tray waste, £59.95; Arezzo brushed brass unslotted click clack basin waste, £42.95; Clearwater white click clack bath waste, £50.15, all Victorian Plumbing. Jill Teak and Ceramic vanity cabinet 80, £475, Tikamoon, varnished in Ronseal Diamond hard floor varnish in Clear Stain, £40.85, Toolstation. Britton Hoxton basin mixer tap, £129.99, eBay. Ca' Pietra Neapolitan porcelain tiles in Pink and Blue, both £56.25 per box, Style Ideas Direct. Harbour Status flat heated towel rail in painted brushed brass, £179.99. Drench. Neo Green paint in Green 08 and Muted Bubblegum Pink 03, both £38 per 2.5L, Lick. Remi double wall lamp, £45; Arles rounded mirror, £85, both [MADE.com](#), Bamboo circular shelf, £30, Matalan. Fine Little Day Swimmers print, £35, Alice in Scandiland. Palm print, £45, Lucy Tiffney. Margo in Margate Girl plate, £35, Etsy. Spring print, £40, Hand and Palm. Bath board, £24.99, Wayfair. Shell toothbrush holder, £25, Amazon.