



INSIDER INFO

THE HOMEOWNER I'm Hannah Hooper, 34, a beauty therapist, and I live here with my husband, Berran, 36, a design engineer, and our children, Ivy, six, and Grace, three.

THE HOUSE A detached five-bedroom 1970s house in Wantage, Oxfordshire. We moved here in March 2019 and we're renovating the whole property. I share my updates @oldandtired_to_chicandinspired.

THE PROBLEM The door opened the wrong way, and we took up the floor tiles and discovered the floorboards were soaked and rotten. There was a curved bath in the corner with an awkward gap we couldn't get into, and I was also desperate for storage.

THE SOLUTION We rehung the door, gutted the room and replaced the floorboards. We also added a black shower and stylish slimline storage.



Before

SHELF SATISFACTION

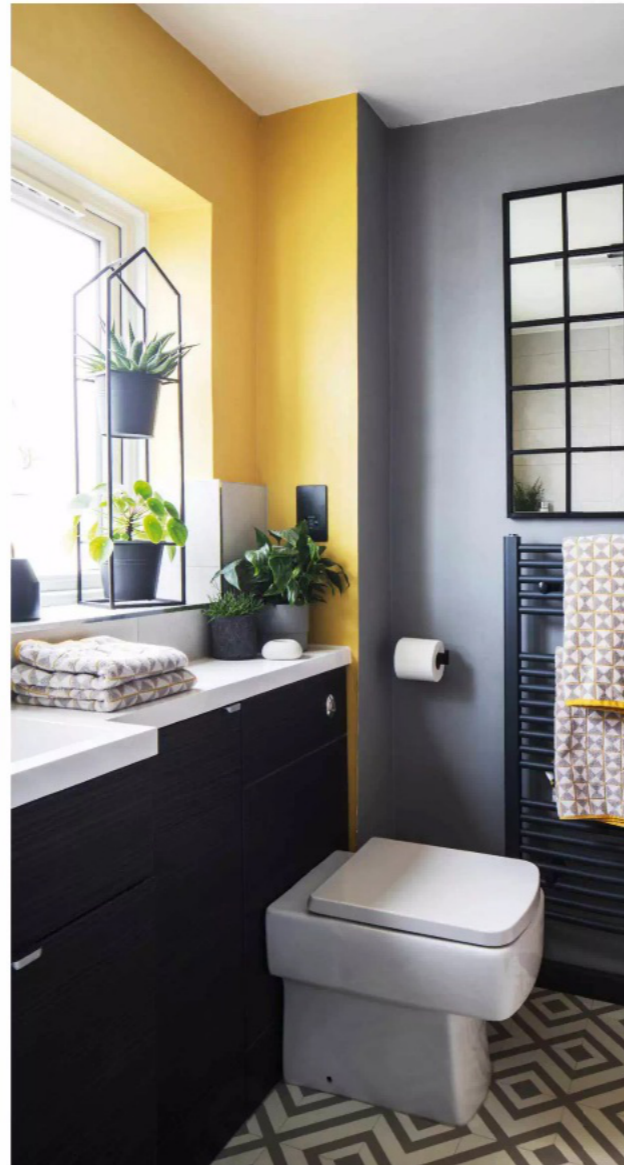
Hannah decided that losing a couple of inches by bringing the bath further into the room and adding a shelf was worth it: 'It's great for bottles and candles'

'Bold colour has transformed this space'

Rotten floorboards and an awkward curved bath meant **Hannah Hooper's** bathroom needed a sleek renovation to make it work for her young family

Changing the bathroom became the number-one job for Hannah and Berran when renovating their 1970s detached house. Due to problems in the property chain, they moved in uncomfortably close to the due date of their second daughter, so Hannah had to hit the ground running. A builder arrived the following day to change the boiler and radiators, but the bathroom itself was in desperate need of attention, too. 'We knew it was going to be awful as there were no photos online,' she says. 'As well as the smell and the awkward curved blue bath, it had a shower with no head, so we had to do something fast.'

Hannah acted decisively, settling on a dark-grey scheme with a flash of yellow on the main wall. She found the fittings she needed from Victorian Plumbing. 'Our bathroom is narrow and storage was a priority, so I was delighted with the all-in-one slimline basin and the vanity worktop. And the hidden cistern sits behind a beautiful anthracite panel – I love the colour so much I have it everywhere in the house now,' she says. 'The range came with a bath panel and tall wall unit too, so it was great purchase.'



DIY THE LOOK Hannah created her own Crittall-style shower screen: 'This cost less than £4 for three rolls of washi tape and it hasn't lifted or bubbled at all'

SHOP SMART

To be sure they were an exact match, Hannah chose all the key pieces from the same range. The all-in-one basin and vanity was the perfect fit, providing a surface for decorative plants, as well as hiding the toilet cistern

FAMILY-FRIENDLY CHIC

Combining a sunny yellow wall with dark grey cupboards and leafy plants on black metal stands creates a structured, industrial look with mellow vibes, working for both grown-ups and children

A black shower and taps were at the top of Hannah's wish list, followed by pale-grey tiles and a patterned floor. 'I like a super slick, modern look, but the yellow wall was a wild card inspired by the sunny trim on a set of geometric towels we'd seen, which I thought the kids would like,' she says.

Work began soon after Grace was born, but things didn't go to plan. Rotten floorboards needed replacing, the walls had to be levelled before they could be tiled and the basin was broken in half when it arrived. 'We had so many delays and then Berran and I painted the yellow wall with an eggshell paint that was too shiny, but also started to peel off,' recalls Hannah. 'It almost broke us, but we started again with Crown's tough easyclean emulsion, made sure we had good ventilation, and got through it. Now we have a bright, fun room with all the storage we need. My favourite feature is the customised shower screen and how it complements the black fixtures and fittings. Our bathroom ticks all the boxes now.' 🏠

SHOPPING LIST

Nuie square hinged Linton shower bath, £219.95; Arezzo Modern square thermostatic shower in Matt Black, £249.95; Brooklyn Black bath panel, £99.95; Brooklyn Black 1500 combination furniture pack (600mm vanity, 400mm cupboard, 500mm WC unit), £549.95; Brooklyn Black wall-hung two-door storage cupboard, 300mm wide, £199.95; Toreno Modern Black basin mono mixer tap, £79.95; bath filler tap, £119.95; Brooklyn square back-to-wall pan with soft close seat, £129.95; Ronseal one coat interior metal and wood paint, £11.29 per 250ml; for a similar towel rail try Diamond curved heated towel rail in Anthracite, £129.95 for 600mm x 1600mm, all Victorian Plumbing. Avenue Floors Bubblegum & Liquorice vinyl in Sagres 220659092, £30.60 per 2 sq m, Floor Mart. Point Gris wall tile and Point Blanco wall tile, both £33.48 per sq m, Tile Flair. Crown's easyclean matt emulsion in Mustard Jar, £23 per 2.5L, Homebase. Dulux's easycare matt emulsion in Natural Slate, £24 per 2.5L, Wickes. MT Matt Black washi tape, £2.95, WHSmith. For similar towels try Elements Geo Ochre towel, £14 for a bath towel; for a similar bath rack try London Black bath rack, £20, both Dunelm. For a similar plant stand try Olivblad plant stand, £19; for a similar plant pot try Gradvis plant pot, £7, both IKEA. For similar planters try tall metal planters, £40 for two, Matalan. Get Naked wall art, £20, Grey Fox Design. Aspect window-pane wall mirror, £175, MADE.com.

TOTAL COST: £2,126