

CLASSIC REVIVAL

Keeping the architectural bones at the heart of her design, Liza Medlam has created a timeless bathroom packed with personality

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PROJECT DETAILS

OWNER
Liza Medlam

PROPERTY
Barn conversion

WORK
Whole bathroom
renovation

LOCATION
Nottinghamshire



When Liza and her husband Martin spotted a converted barn for sale, they decided it was time to move from their house in town. 'This had lots of nooks and crannies and its own character,' says Liza. 'Sometimes a house can pick you – and here felt perfect for us.'

1 STARTING POINT

'We changed our en suite first and this encouraged me to start thinking about renovating our main bathroom. It's mostly used by our daughter, Maggie-Mae, but I love coming in here to have a bath. I was keen to tie in the colours with the rest of our home. I really loved the old door, exposed timber beams and the stone windowsill, so any changes needed to enhance these original features.'

2 KEY DETAILS

'I knew I wanted wall panelling and interesting tiles to give the room impact and a traditional feel. I love the original stone in my kitchen wall, so I searched for something similar to go with the exposed wood. Our kitchen cupboards are in Farrow & Ball's Railings and we used the same colour on the panelling here. I love the warmth of the gold fittings against this blue-black tone.'

3 LAYOUT TWEAKS

'I was keen to have a double basin, so to fit one in, I moved the shower into a void where the towel cupboard had been. My fitter was able to add a new storage cupboard next to the toilet when he extended the wall to hide the cistern and soil pipe. The bath is in the same place, but we angled it towards the window.'

4 FIT OUT

'I'd been to the Easy Bathrooms showroom when I changed my en suite and had been pleasantly surprised by their range of choice. Walking around here now, I found the beautiful curved double basin. The shop also recommended a fitter, Richard Sidall (Sid) from RS Bathroom Designs. He's brilliant and we made a good team. It's been lovely seeing my ideas come alive in our new bathroom and I'm so pleased with the outcome.' [@rsbathroomdesigns](https://www.easymbathrooms.com)

HARMONIOUS SCHEME

Liza chose materials that complement the original features. Burlington Admiral bath, QS Supplies. Urban freestanding bath shower mixer tap in Brushed Gold; Urban basin mixer tap in Brushed Gold; Laine double console basin and wooden stand; Royle wetroom walk-in glass screen with hinged panel is similar; Zena square shower kit in Brushed Gold is similar; Topeka Noce stone porcelain wall tiles, Easy Bathrooms. Panelling in Railings, Farrow & Ball. Civic Brown floor tiles, STC Tiles and Bathrooms. Try Exemplar Lighting Swan wall light, The Lighting Company. Elodie three-light cluster ceiling light is similar, Dunelm