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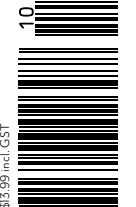
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Sister act

Modern Mediterranean style abounds in this joyful bathroom shared by tween girls.

STORY *Carli Philips* | PHOTOGRAPHY *Chris Warnes*





BATHROOM
design notes

WALLS Rendered, painted Dulux White Dune Quarter.

WALL TILES Cremorne Calacatta-look tiles, TileCloud.

FLOOR TILES Seaforth travertine-look floor tiles and Balmoral square tiles in Dusty Blush, TileCloud.

JOINERY Custom vanity, Carrera by Design.

BENCHTOP Talostone in Carrara Gioia.

TAPWARE Milli Pure wall taps, shower head and mixers and Scala floor-mounted bath spout, all in Living Rustic Iron, Reece.

BASIN Laufen 'Palomba' vessel basin, Reece.

BATH Kado 'Lussi' bath, Reece.

MIRROR Jenson irregular mirror, Oz Design Furniture.

The silhouettes and textures in this family bathroom, shared by two sisters, were purposely chosen to evoke holiday vibes. Seasoned travellers, the homeowners wanted to bring their love of far-flung places home, and briefed the Three Birds Renovations team for a look that would reflect a contemporary Mediterranean style. Located between the girls' bedrooms, the bathroom has a timeless aesthetic designed to be "perfect for now and in years to come", says Lana Taylor, co-founder of Three Birds Renovations. The toilet has been tucked behind the vanity for privacy, complemented by a blind over the arched window. Rendered walls, finished in Dulux White Dune Quarter, combine with soft-edges on the shower and built-in shelf to create a look that "oozes Mediterranean charm". On the floor, tiles in a soft peachy tone were interspersed with the textural travertine-look ones for colour and visual interest. Combined with the shower skylight, it's a bright and joyful space that's tween-perfect.

Three Birds Renovations, threebirdsrenovations.com

What was the brief for this space? A bathroom for two tween-aged girls to share.

Were there any challenges along the way? Considerations rather than challenges, such as how to hide the toilet from view and how to maximise the view of the garden while still having enough privacy.

What do you love about this space? It's big, filled with beautiful details and has the ideal layout.

Seasoned travellers, the owners wanted to bring a touch of wanderlust to their home, and briefed the Three Birds Renovations team for a look that would reflect a contemporary Mediterranean style.



POWDER ROOM

design notes

WALLS Rendered, painted Dulux White Dune Quarter.

FLOOR TILES Northbridge terracotta-look subway tiles in Peach, TileCloud.

JOINERY Custom vanity, Carrera By Design.

BENCHTOP Talostone in Calacatta Oro.

TAPWARE Milli 'Pure' wall-mounted basin mixer set in Living Rustic Iron, Reece.

BASIN Kado 'Lux', Reece.

MIRROR Blake irregular mirror, Oz Design Furniture.

LIGHTING Atlas 1-light adjustable wall sconce in Bronze, Beacon Lighting.

ACCESSORIES Tian canisters, Freedom.



Club Med

Fresh Mediterranean details lift the smallest room in the house.

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The concept for this renovated home by Three Birds Renovations was 'Modern Mallorca' - a scheme inspired by the authentic style of the Spanish island combined with luxe finishes tailored to modern life. It came at the request of the homeowners, who asked the Three Birds team for an all-over Mediterranean feel. This was interpreted with stone cladding, a predominantly white palette, and arch motifs. This petite powder room keeps the island ambience going via textural materials: terracotta floor tiles, rustic iron tapware, an irregular mirror and beautifully rendered walls. Tucked behind a sweeping staircase, the room's doorway was reduced and a sliding door installed so as not to detract from the grand landing. "It's as cute as a button!" says Lana Taylor, co-founder of Three Birds Renovations.

Three Birds Renovations,
threebirdsrenovations.com

What was the brief for this space? 'Modern Mallorca' - a blend of traditional Spanish island style with luxe flourishes for modern life.

How did you decide on the colour and materials palette? In keeping with the rest of the home, we wanted lots of texture and warmth. This was achieved with rendered walls in Dulux White Dune Quarter, terracotta tiles and rustic iron tapware.

Were there any challenges along the way? The location under the curved staircase was a challenge because we didn't want it to detract from the grand entrance at the top of the landing.

What do you love about this space? It's small but has everything you need in a powder room.



Peachy clean

Simultaneously earthy and feminine, this main ensuite is the sweetest of sanctuaries.

STORY *Rhiannon Lidbury* | PHOTOGRAPHY *Chris Warnes*



BATHROOM *design notes*

WALL TILES Newport Gloss mini subway tiles in Bone with Mapei grout in Ultracolor Plus Powder Caramel, Tile Cloud.

FLOOR TILES Thirroul Matt subway tiles in Bone with Mapei grout in Ultracolor Plus Powder Pink, TileCloud.

JOINERY Kado 'Arc Timber' vanity unit, Reece.

TAPWARE Milli 'Pure Progressive' wall-mounted basin mixer set and hand shower, and Milli 'Pure' overhead shower, all in Living Rustic Bronze, Reece.

BASIN Kado 'Lussi' above-counter basin, Reece.

MIRROR Kado 'Neue Arch' mirror and shaving cabinet, Reece.

LIGHTING MFL by Masson 'Gypsum' up/down wall light, Beacon Lighting.

A place of quiet retreat for a Sydney couple, this main ensuite - designed by Three Birds Renovations - is the ideal place for the busy mums to decompress. Located in a small cottage, the sharp angles of the architecture are softened by the addition of repeated curves in the recessed storage, mirrored cabinet, shower screen and a nib wall that creates privacy for the toilet. Neutral-toned subway tiles are laid vertically on the walls to draw the eye upwards and increase the sense of space, and in a herringbone pattern on the floor for contrast. Colour is introduced via pink grout, tying in with the main bedroom's palette, and a feature chestnut vanity. Completing the ensuite's oasis-feel is a sunny skylight, washing the bathroom in natural light and creating a space of pure relaxation.

Three Birds Renovations, threebirdsrenovations.com

What was the brief for this bathroom? To create a special space to escape the chaos of daily life.

Were there any challenges involved? Including an ensuite in the little three-bedroom cottage was a challenge we were determined to conquer and, with some careful spatial planning, we did! It was so important to us that the busy mums could have their own space dedicated to relaxation.

How did you decide on the colour/materials palette? We wanted the ensuite's palette to foster elegance and timelessness, while maintaining a unique look. The bathroom colours - peachy pink, grounded by the antique bronze of the tapware - are drawn from the main bedroom, which has an earthy scheme.

What do you love about this space? The powder pink grout gives the ensuite a completely unique feel, adding a feminine touch without being overbearing.

BATHROOM
design notes

WALL & FLOOR TILES Annangrove Carrara-look tiles, TileCloud.

SHOWER TILES Coogee kit-kat mosaics in Antique Green, TileCloud.

TAPWARE Sussex 'Scala' floor-mounted basin mixer in Brushed Gold, Posh 'Canterbury' shower assemblies in Brass Gold, and Mizu 'Drift' overhead shower in Brass Brushed Gold, all Reece.

BASIN Alape 'Circa' freestanding pedestal washstand, Reece.

MIRROR ISSY 'Zi' mirror with shaving cabinet, Reece.

LIGHTING Lugano pendant light in Antique Brass, Beacon Lighting.

About the boys

Fun yet timeless style topped the wish list for this versatile bathroom.

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*Part of a "boys' own" zone including bedrooms, bathroom and loft play space, this bathroom had to evolve along with the two young boys who occupy it. The tricky part? Balancing boyish charm with timeless style. The designers at Three Birds Renovations are mums themselves, so understood that practicality was the priority. Storage, including a mirrored shaving cabinet, is streamlined, with large-format wall and floor tiles, a pedestal basin and a urinal with sensor flush for easy cleaning. The walk-in shower, lined with kit-kat mosaic tiles in Antique Green, also functions as a feature wall, delivering contrasting colour, texture and depth. Carrara marble-look tiles and brass tapware tie everything together. **Three Birds Renovations, threebirdsrenovations.com***

What was the brief for this space? It's a shared bathroom for two young boys. We wanted it to feel totally their own and to grow with them.

How did you decide on the colour and materials palette? The boys love blue, so we made sure to incorporate it throughout their shared space. Choosing the right shade was essential to ensure it stood out without overwhelming, and would stand the test of time.

What do you love about this space? Without a doubt, the shower is the highlight of the bathroom. With its assertive arch and Antique Green feature tiles, it is a truly captivating feature.

Hidden meaning

Thanks to thoughtful planning and elegant fittings, this smart family laundry keeps its functionality under wraps.

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At first glance, this laundry is beautifully spacious, fresh and functional. But take a second look and you will see that the room's designers, Three Birds Renovations, have delivered a space that has truly exceeded the owner's dreams, thanks to thoughtful practical design touches. The raised appliances are a particular favourite. "Having the washing machine and dryer up off the floor is a game-changer," says the owner. "It's so much easier to transfer laundry between them." In addition to the elevated washers and dryers, there's ample bench space for folding and sorting, plus pull-out hampers concealed in the cabinetry. **Three Birds Renovations, threebirdsrenovations.com**

What was the brief for this space? A laundry that was as beautiful as it was functional.

How did you decide on the colour and materials palette? It was important for the palette to remain neutral, using gentle accent colours to warm the space. Taupe and biscuit within the cross-shaped tiles and joinery pair wonderfully with the marble-like veining in the benchtops as well as the brass tapware and cabinet handles. In keeping with the brief, durable materials such as Talostone [a stone-composite surface] and Axon fibre-cement cladding were used for ease of maintenance and longevity.

What do you love about this space? The gorgeous floor tiles from TileCloud are a real highlight. The mosaic-style combination of crosses is texturally stunning and the speckles of taupe in each tile bring life and movement to the room.



LAUNDRY *design notes*

JOINERY Cabinetry painted Dulux Stone Master, Carrera by Design.

HARDWARE Bamboo handles and T-bar pulls, Hepburn Hardware.

BENCHTOP & SPLASHBACK Talostone surface in Calacatta Gold.

TAPWARE Posh 'Canterbury' gooseneck sink mixer in Brass Gold, Reece.

SINK Franke 'Impact' granite double-bowl sink in Polar White, Reece.

APPLIANCES Electrolux SensorWash 10kg front-loader washing machine and Ultimate Care 9kg heat-pump dryer, Harvey Norman.

WALLS Axon wall cladding, James Hardie.

FLOOR TILES Annangrove Mixed Cross tiles in Stone/Tan/Natural, TileCloud.

SHUTTERS Polysatin plantation shutters, Luxaflex.

LIGHTING Hamimi Design 'Joosh' pendant light, CLO Studios.

ACCESSORIES Stoltz stool and Nebi vessels, Oz Design Furniture. Jodhpur tray, Freedom. Vegetable brush and pot & pan brush, Saardé. Wire shopping basket, Provincial Home Living.