



# 'It has a real holiday vibe'

Claire Lloyd Davies and Richard Stockley looked to Mediterranean style to give their bathroom personality

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**Into the blue**  
The couple used patterned floor tiles as the starting point for their coastal-style blue and cream scheme. Porto Santo bath, £2,500, Heritage Bathrooms; painted in Sky Blue Intelligent eggshell, £54.50 for 2.5ltr, Little Greene. Moroccan encaustic GR06 tiles, £2.40 each, Best Tile UK Store



**T**hough it wasn't entirely fit for habitation, Claire Lloyd Davies and Richard Stockley moved into their Thirties home in Hampton, Middlesex, as soon as they got the keys. They set to work on the bathroom straightaway. 'To choose the best layout, I went round to a couple of neighbours' houses,' says Claire. 'It was a great way to meet them and they were happy to show us how they'd used an identical space. I pretty much copied what one had done, placing the bath along the window wall as a focal point.'

The couple chose Moroccan-style floor tiles, then picked out the same azure blue for the bath and shutters. Claire had set her heart on a roll-top bath, so she chose a traditional-style basin and loo to work alongside it. 'A basin with a cupboard beneath was high on my wish list, too, as I knew storage space would be limited,' she says. 'As the background to the floor tiles is cream, I went for a cream finish on the vanity unit and cream tiles in the shower. A glass screen keeps the room bright and open, and means the bath really makes an impact. We're thrilled with the end result.'

**WHAT IT COST**

Bath.....	£2,500
Shower.....	£625
Vanity unit and basin.....	£980
Taps.....	£560
Loo.....	£550
Wall tiles.....	£106
Floor tiles.....	£172
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>£5,493</b>

**TURN OVER TO FIND OUT HOW**  
Claire and Richard created their new bathroom

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**THE PROPERTY**  
A three-bedroom, Thirties semi in Hampton, Middlesex.

**WHO LIVES HERE**  
Claire Lloyd Davies and her partner Richard Stockley live here with their children, Connie, six, and Rosie, five.

**WHAT THEY DID**  
The couple knocked the separate loo into the existing bathroom to

create a larger room, then replaced the fittings and flooring.

**THE LOOK**  
Neutral with pops of Mediterranean blue and Moroccan-style tiles.

**LESSONS LEARNED**  
“Our first choice of cast-iron bath was too heavy and would have needed a reinforced floor, so we opted for a lighter one.”



**THE LAYOUT** The bath is on the far wall under the window, with the basin to the left and the loo opposite. The shower is to the left of the loo



◀ **Storage solution**

Claire chose a compact vanity unit and a mirrored wall cabinet for the family's toiletries and had them painted in the same gentle cream shade as the walls for a co-ordinated look  
 Dorchester vanity unit in Oyster, £695; Dorchester basin, £320; Caversham wall cabinet in Oyster, £445; all Heritage Bathrooms

▲ **Space enhancer**

Plain tiles, a shallow shower tray and a sleek glass screen all help to create an open, spacious feel and prevent the shower enclosure from dominating the room  
 Moroccan encaustic cement single colour tiles in cream, £1.77 per tile, Best Tile UK Store. Shower panel, £521, Heritage Bathrooms

**Blue-sky thinking** ▶

The couple opted for shutters to disguise the modern windows, add extra colour to the scheme and give the room a streamlined finish  
 Plantation shutters with 64mm push rods, from £290 per sq m, Shutterly Fabulous



**How we did it**

“To make the best use of space, our builder knocked through the separate loo into the existing bathroom, then completely stripped the room back. I sourced all the sanitaryware from Heritage Bathrooms, found cost-effective Moroccan-style tiles for the floor, then matched up the colours in the tiles for the rest of the décor, using cream for the walls and blue for the bath and shutters. The work on the whole of the upstairs of the house was completed in five weeks, during which time we went on holiday and stayed with friends. Installing the bathroom cost £3,000.”

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