

'This is my private hideaway'

Irene Jeffrey and her husband Paul stole space from a bedroom to enlarge their en suite and transformed it into a super-luxe retreat



WINDOW FILM
A low-cost way to gain privacy and diffuse bright sunlight



Welcome to my home

Irene Jeffrey lives here with her husband Paul and their three children Amelie, 12, Finian, 10, and Luke, seven.

THE PROPERTY
A six-bedroom detached Georgian villa built in 1790 in Esher, Surrey.

WHAT IT COST

Shower.....	£2,774
Sanitaryware.....	£4,804
Brassware.....	£2,032
Tiles.....	£2,529
Radiator.....	£1,381
Paint.....	£45
TOTAL.....	£13,565

When the couple had a two-storey extension built, it presented an opportunity. 'As part of the building work we knocked through into the bedroom,' says Irene. They reused the bath and basins, but laid classic marble tiles

Ditsy Dandelion window film, £40, The Window Film Co. East Hampton marble tiles, £115 per sq m, Fired Earth. Imogen six-arm chandelier, £605, Sweetpea & Willow

“Time in the bathroom is often the only peace a busy mum can get, so I wanted to create a serene, restful place I could escape to”

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Wall-mounted taps
Space saving, easier to clean and great for a streamlined look

RECYCLED BEAMS
These were rescued from the roof and used to build this vanity

ABOVE To keep the look simple and joined up, the same marble tiles were used as a splashback behind the basins. A dove-grey paint was matched to the tiles for the rest of the walls

Walls painted in Silver Moonlight, £44.50 for 3ltr, Colourtrend. Amalfi 55 countertop basin, £490, Sanctuary Bathrooms. Basin taps, £631, Bathroom Discount Centre. Antiqued mirror, £252, Glassbuild. Ruana towels, from £6 for a face cloth, Anthropologie

HOW IRENE AND PAUL DID IT

'We really wanted a space to escape to – a hideaway that would be invigorating in the morning and relaxing in the evening – and the building work gave us the opportunity to create it. The bathroom has the great advantage of being double aspect – the light was really important and I wanted to enhance the room's feeling of light and space. In terms of the style, I wanted to stay true to

the age of the house. I got some advice from an interior designer, Emma Stoddart, who suggested using the marble tiles – and just keeping to those – for a simple, elegant look. The extension building project took 18 months, with the bathroom part taking six weeks and costing around £5,500. It feels like our bathroom is tucked away from everybody – it's a real sanctuary now.'



CHANDELIER
Nothing adds grandeur like a crystal droplet candelabra

LEFT 'As a starting point for the layout, it made sense to place the bath under one window, creating a lovely focal point as you walk into the room,' says Irene. A frameless glass shower screen keeps the space light and open

Victoria + Albert Toulouse freestanding bath, £3,350, Sanctuary Bathrooms

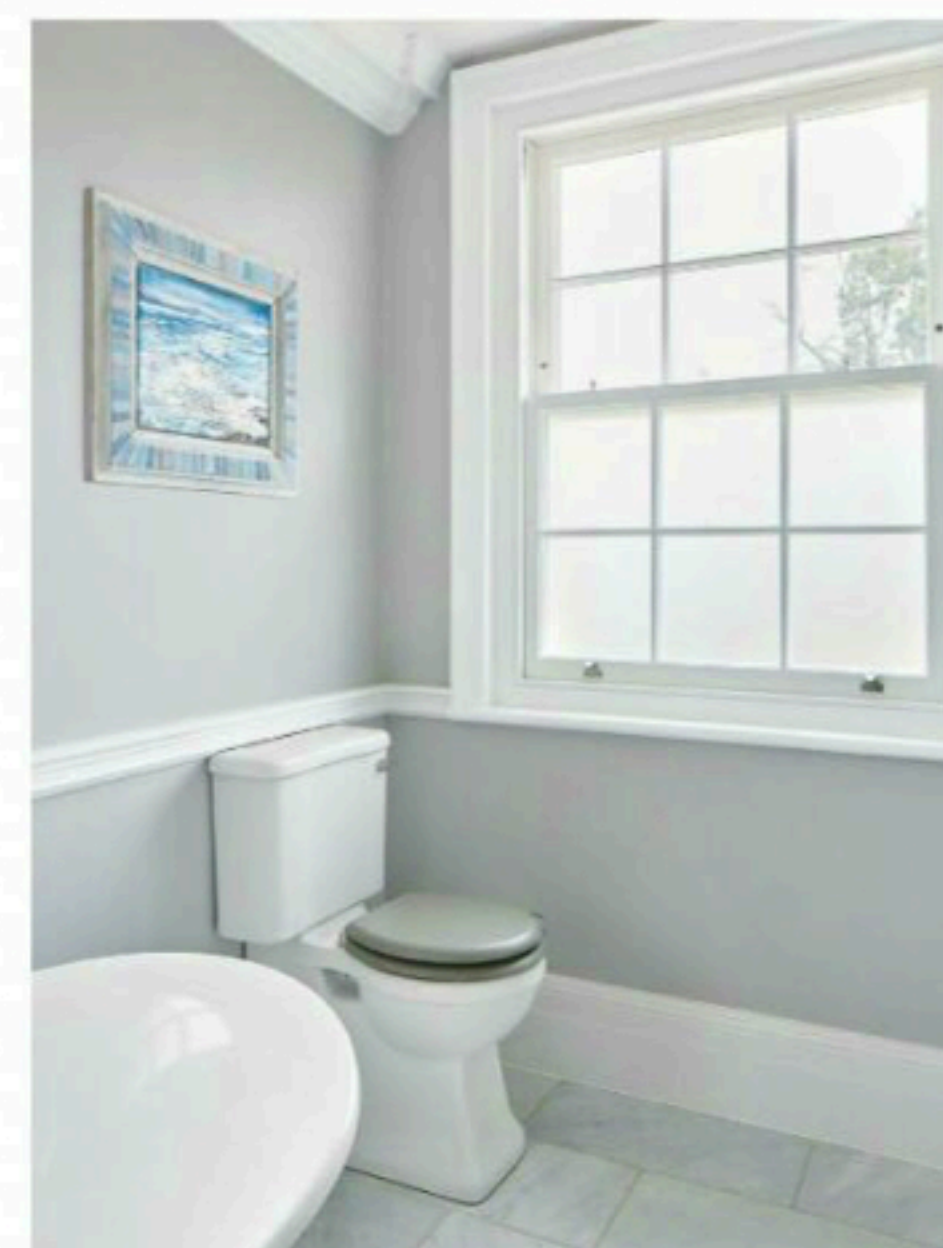
BELOW The mirror in the shower is actually set into a blocked-up window

Shower control, £1,254; Belle Air shower arm, £378; both Bathrooms Discount Centre



LEFT Irene chose classic sanitaryware but with no period details, so the space wouldn't become a pastiche. 'We wanted everything to work together in the space with a traditional feel and to sit elegantly in this Georgian house, but give it a modern twist,' she says

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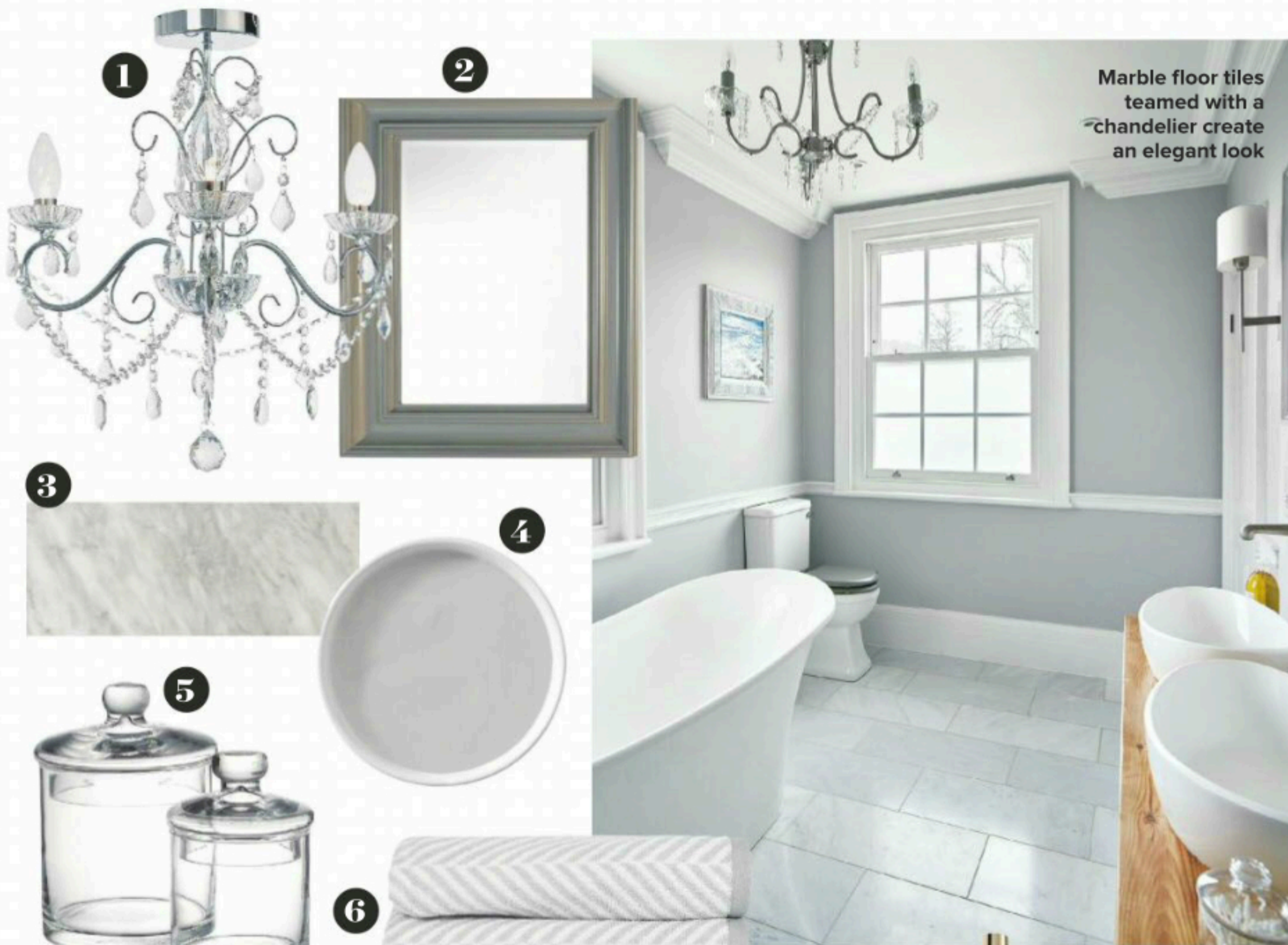
WHAT WE LEARNED
“Work with the space and let it dictate the layout. For example, it made complete sense to have the bath under the window”



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IRENE'S STYLE: BOUTIQUE SMART

Lustrous marble tiles, luxe light fittings and a statement slipper bath give a classic bathroom a glamorous edge



WHERE TO BUY

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1. CHANDELIER
Chandelier, £175, Frontline Bathrooms

2. MIRROR
Addington mirror, £110, The Chandelier & Mirror Company

3. TILES
Serac marble tiles, £49.93 per sq m, Topps Tiles

4. PAINT
Bathroom Mid Sheen emulsion in Pearl Grey, £15 for 2.5ltr, Wilko

5. STORAGE JARS
Croft Collection glass containers, from £15 each, John Lewis

6. TOWELS
Savannah chevron hand towels, £8 each, Very

7. SHOWERHEAD
Stainless steel fixed head, £188, Bristan

8. BATH
Penhallam slipper bath, £1,600, Heritage Bathrooms

