

'It's the height of luxury'

Unable to access her house during lockdown, Sarah Southwell project-managed her huge loft extension remotely, with impressive results

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PICTURE WINDOW
Fills the room with light and fully utilises the wall space for the shape of the bath below

'I wanted to create a luxurious bathroom like you would find in a high-end hotel or members club.'

Charcoal Copper Bateau, from £3,800, Witt & Berg.
Round free-standing bath spout, £291.85, Meir.
Black Pradena tiles, £165/sq m, Bert & May.
Square Natural and Black bamboo basket, £35, Forest and Co



Welcome to my home

Sarah Southwell lives here with her husband Nick and sons Rufus, four, Raffey, three and Rocco, 10 months.

THE PROPERTY

A five-bedroom Victorian terrace house in Balham, London.

WHAT IT COST

Bath and tap.....	£4,092
Shower and shower screen.....	£1,120
Vanity unit, sinks and taps.....	£1,295
Paint.....	£120
Wall tiles.....	£300
Floor tiles.....	£1,350
TOTAL.....	£8,277

“It's the perfect escape for me and Nick, away from the chaos of life with three young boys!”



HOW SARAH DID IT

'We needed more space, so a large loft conversion – to include a bedroom, playroom, office and nursery, as well as a bathroom – was the answer. A huge picture window with a show-stopping bathtub beneath was top of my wish list. I run interior design and renovation company sarahsouthwelldesign.com, so I'm lucky I have builders on hand, especially as the last month of the build was during lockdown and I had to manage everything remotely. The bathroom took three weeks and cost around £10,000 for the labour.'

'I created an even greater sense of space by contrasting dark woodwork with white walls.'

Walls in All White modern emulsion, £49.95 for 2.5ltr; woodwork in Plummet modern eggshell, £71 for 2.5ltr, both Farrow & Ball



VANITY UNIT
A floating countertop enhances the spacious feel of the open and light bathroom

BATHROOM PROJECT



BLACK GROUT
Gives standard tiles a designer finish

ABOVE 'While spacious, the shower doesn't encroach on the rest of the space.'

Three-way thermostatic shower set in Matt Black, £595; industrial-style shower screen, £525, both Lusso

RIGHT 'A chair to creates a relaxing corner, great for a catch-up chat while one of you is the bath.'

Philippe Starck for Kartell Masters chair in Black, £177, John Lewis and Partners



ABOVE 'After being quoted £400 to build some storage under the floating countertop, I found a drawer unit for £36 on eBay that I painted to tie in with the woodwork.'

For a similar solution, try Reza wall shelf, £99, La Redoute



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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

'Check orders thoroughly on arrival and order fittings far in advance. And get more tiles than you think you need, as there never seems to be enough!'