



BATHROOM BLISS

Upgrading this all-important living space is one of the best investments you can make when renovating a home

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Located in one of Toronto's prime neighbourhoods, this luxurious 13,000-square-foot home has a spacious 400-square-foot master ensuite. Naturally, the approach to redesigning this space demanded high-quality furnishings and finishes.

When it comes to a master ensuite, no matter what neighbourhood you live in, outfitting it with the best amenities you can afford is a good strategy for gaining investment value in your property. Upgrades here will surely be appreciated by you now, and future homeowners, considering it's the space that greets you as you start and end your day. It should be as inviting, invigorating and restful as possible.

LET THE PAMPERING BEGIN

Of the many features marvelled at in this stunning bathroom, you'll find a generous walk-in closet and glass French doors,

a makeup area with full-height custom-designed mirrors, marble counter and a skylight. Plus, there was space for a separate water-closet with its own window and built-in bench—a luxury that is possible only in a large bathroom.

LAVISH FIXTURES & FINISHINGS

Classic materials such as top-grade Italian statuario marble, premium plumbing fixtures and a timeless colour palette of white, grey and soft blue provide this bathroom with an esthetic that will never go out of style. Decorative touches, such as a custom-made upholstered valance, art and furniture add personality and drama.

Although natural light washes in through a large skylight, the lighting options were increased by adding recessed potlights throughout the bathroom and shower, with sconces flanking the vanity and a chandelier over the freestanding tub. They're all on dimmers for additional light control.





AN EXTRAVAGANCE OF SPACE

Everyone wants a large, open shower area and, in this home, it was quite doable; so much so that the shower dominates the space with marble-lined walls, marble mosaic flooring, and a steam unit. The polished metal finishes provide a warm sparkle, and some drama, against the light and bright finishes.

For those days when a spa experience is a must, a freestanding tub with air jets creates a wonderful focal point in front of the oversized contemporary print. The luxury continues with radiant-heat flooring.

THE LUXURY OF TECHNOLOGY

Imagine a remote control that allows you

to program the desired temperature of the water so that you can enter the bath with the water already streaming in at the perfect temperature. In addition, chroma-therapy in the tub and pre-programmed toilets are the next wave of technological trends in the modern bathroom. Of course, an elaborate sound system was installed in the shower too. With high-end projects like this one, all advancements in technology and lifestyle options are considered in order to create the ultimate bath experience—this one was no exception.

As a designer, functionality and enjoyment were paramount as I set out to create the ultimate master bathroom for these clients. ♦

TIPS

- For privacy, separate the toilet from the main area of the bathroom with a half-wall or glass enclosure
- Air-jet tubs are easily maintained, provide excellent water pressure, and no intrusive noise
- Toilets with no-touch flush technology and bidets offer the luxury of a high-end hotel
- Note that toilets come in various heights and lengths; don't be shy, try them out at the showroom to make sure you will be comfortable
- Drawers are more functional than doors; install pullout drawers behind cabinet doors for additional storage
- A countertop-to-ceiling mirror will brighten up the area and give the illusion of more space
- Separate shower and tub is a good indulgence; harvest space from an adjacent room, if needed. When choosing a tub, sit in it and note the height of the overflow drain; this will be the maximum depth of the water in the tub. Important for those who want to be completely immersed in water and bubbles

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