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Whether you see the bathroom as a place to relax or a functional space, design for the way you live

# Lifestyle bathrooms

For Cambridge based interior design consultants At Home, bathroom design is all about thinking beyond expectations, and they have plenty of experience incorporating saunas, steam rooms and wet rooms into their bathroom transformations.

When it comes to changing or remodelling the bathroom, the first consideration, At Home advises, should be how you want to use the space. Those who need the bathroom to be a relaxing sanctuary can make the bathtub the focus of the room. If you are looking for pure function, a wet room or a large walk-in shower is far more practical. Once that decision has been made your bathroom can be designed in a style to suit your property, lifestyle and personality.

One of At Home's most recent award-winning projects was a master bathroom, with dressing area, in South Cambridge. By removing an old dividing wall and strengthening the floor the designer, Nicola Parrish, was able to install a freestanding bath and locate it centrally in the room, placed on limestone floor tiles. The combined weight of a full bath of water and the floor tiles made strengthening the floor a must, but once that essential work was done the whole dynamic of the room changed for good. Much better use was made of the space and natural light, which allowed for views of the gardens beyond when lying soaking in bubbles.



Master bathroom with window seat



Roll top bath with side taps. The sculptural bath is the centrepiece of the bathroom, with 'tree of life' wallpaper as a backdrop



Feature lighting



Dressing table space

## Top tips

Whether you are renovating an existing bathroom or installing a completely new one, remember...

Install good, well-placed lighting on the ceiling and, if your budget allows, wall lights and floor lights

Consider the natural light in the bathroom. If the windows are small use light tiles and colours; if you've a bright room, dark colours can be used

Contrast opposite colours for dramatic effect, combine dark walls with light coloured ceilings and floors

More At Home bathroom designs can be viewed at [www.athome-interiors.com](http://www.athome-interiors.com)

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