



FIT FOR ROYALTY

This sumptuous ensuite bathroom would make anyone feel like the king or queen of the castle.

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Chris's favourite feature.



Annette is able to relax in this magnificent double spa.



If you're going to do something, you might as well do it right. That's what Chris and Annette thought when it came to renovating their new place – and the bathrooms certainly didn't miss out!

ADDING YOUR OWN TOUCH

Although their new abode met certain desirable criteria, it failed to come up to scratch in other areas. And speaking of scratch, that's where they started from when it came to making the necessary changes.

The entire interior was redone as the existing decor was rather outdated and needed to be more functional. With the help of interior designer Karen Wallace of KW Interiors, the couple were able to bring their home into the millennium to stunning effect.

LUXURY MEETS FUNCTION

As Annette has back problems, their ensuite was built for ultimate comfort, with specific elements installed to help bring her relief. The magnificent spa bath is one of them and, according to Chris, it's the standout feature. "It's a bath within a bath," he explains, "and once the inside part fills, it overflows like a waterfall into the second section – it's an amazing effect!" While he has not yet taken advantage of its relaxing and therapeutic benefits, he says his favourite aspect is the opulent polished marble that surrounds it. It brings a feeling of luxury to the room and its rich brown tone adds warmth.

This beautiful surface also sits atop the vanity, which is set at a right angle and conforms to fit around a pre-existing curved wall at the entry. Mosaic tiles were used here to make it a feature wall, with the rest of the room done in polished porcelain. This rounded aspect injects individuality and lends a sense of adventure, as the full space is only revealed once you've ventured past it. The vanity doors

underneath the two sinks are easy-clean polyurethane, and cupboards mounted on the wall showcase a rich timber-veneer finish. These were custom-built by McIntosh Constructions Pty Ltd and provide extra storage for towels – and Annette's perfumes.

LIFE'S LITTLE LUXURIES

A set of massaging water jets in the shower, positioned at lower-back height, is the other 'back-saving' device that was installed for Annette's comfort. And nothing but the best-quality fixtures and fittings were used throughout, including a Penthouse bath spout that delivers a 'sheet' of water into the bath to add to the waterfall effect. Subtle touches, such as an etched-glass panel to hide the view of the toilet, add to the ambience, along with various tasteful accessories.

The pair has truly made the house a home and can now enjoy resort-style luxury without putting a foot out the door – who's jealous then?



BATHROOM ESSENTIALS

Floor – Crema Marfil polished porcelain

Feature walls – Botticino polished stack bond mosaic

Vanity tops/bath surrounds – Gris polished marble

Vanity cabinets – Polyurethane Dulux Sandy Day – half strength

Storage cabinets – Woodstock Dutch Tulip veneer

Vanity basin – Parisi Nettuno under-counter basins

Basin mixer – Grohe Essence mixer

Bath – Kohler Sok Whirlpool

Bath spout – Custom-made Penthouse wall spout (Southcape tapware - Tradelink)

Bath mixer – Grohe Essence mixer

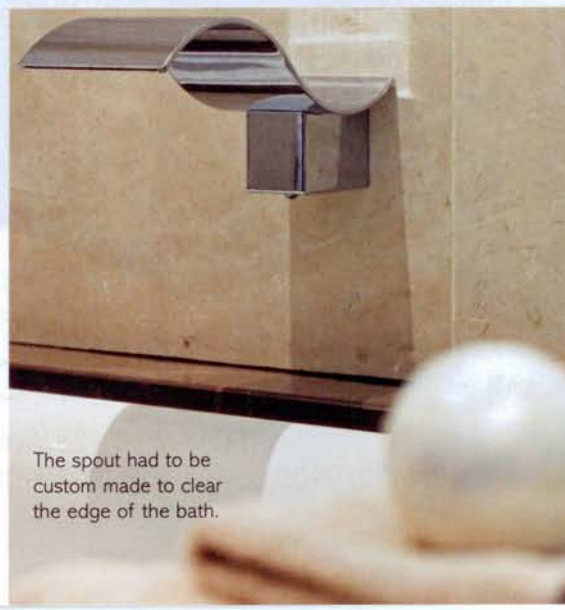
Shower on rail – Grohe Sensia hand-held

Shower jets – Grohe side shower





Custom-built wood cabinets provide extra storage.



The spout had to be custom made to clear the edge of the bath.

