

Dream Bathroom Planning Guide:

Ask Yourself
The Five
“Must Answer”
Questions!



“Knowing what to ask
at the start assures
your satisfaction
in the end.”

A FREE Consumer Guide

Introduction

Calming retreat? Hour at the spa? Private room, just to get away from it all? Bathrooms have become more than just a place to do your business and leave. What would your dream bath be like?

Here are a few important questions to help you bring your dream to life.

1) Which bath should you renovate?

The master bath is a much different space than the family bath. Likewise, the downstairs half bath may be a space where design can make a great first impression on your guests. Think about the use of each of your individual baths and what you would like to accomplish in each. Then pick the bath where you really want to focus for your next home project.

2) How much do you use your bath?

How much time are you there? Beyond normal bathroom activities, what happens there? Watching TV, listening to music, reading, getting dressed, soaking? Is the space shared with a spouse? Function will help you decide if you need two sinks and vanities or a private space for the toilet with its own door.



3) Let's get personal!

How many people use the tub at the same time? This will determine size. Do you always shower alone? Consider things like a second shower head, ventilation, heated tile floors and especially Ageless Living Design. (More on this in a minute.) Sometimes, the central bathrooms can be a very busy place; especially in the mornings when everyone is getting ready for school or work. It's the one place in the home that everyone is in and out throughout the day.

On the other hand if you're considering an overhaul of your master bath, you may be less concerned about the traffic counts and more interested in an expansion of the luxury options. You are probably more interested in a serene and cozy getaway. If that's the case there are numerous options available. A good designer can offer lots of ideas based on an array of quality products available in today's marketplace.

4) What is your budget?

It's not surprising that the smallest room in the house can be the most costly to remodel. Why? Unlike most of the other rooms in the house, there are a lot of parts that go into the creation of a bathroom. From tubs, to showers, sinks, plumbing and cabinet parts, they all have to work together and that requires planning and integration of those parts.

Without a good plan from the start, the costs can get out of control quickly. That's why it is important to figure out your budget ahead of time and plan around that budget.

A quality remodeler who has experience designing bathrooms will be able to help you establish a budget that will accomplish what it is you want to do. Good planning and budgeting will help you get the most out of your dollar.

5) What is the age of the users?



Now, you may be wondering why is age important. Age is related to “needs.” As people age, they need more assistance in the bathroom. In the past few years the most progressive remodeling companies have focused a great deal on what is called “ageless living design®.”

Thinking down the road, would you like to be able to age comfortably “in place,” in other words, in your own home? If so, consider placing features like grab bars in critical locations near the toilet or showers. An expert in ageless living design can help offer tips and ideas for other features that may interest you, like non-slip surfaces.

At Custom Built we call this Ageless Living Design®. Your dream bath can be designed to serve you in the years ahead with both beauty and function. Today, it is more possible than ever before.

Curbless showers are popular. A curbless shower does not have a "curb" on the floor that requires you to step over. This makes them safer. The options in bathrooms today are endless: Japanese screens, built in sound, pedestal tubs, soakers, energy considerations and more. With a dream and a plan, your perfect bath can become a reality!

Conclusion

We hope these questions get you started in moving in the direction of your dream bath. As we stated earlier the best process to make things happen is a good plan. Now armed with the questions, you have the tools to help you process your answers and get them down on paper. The next step is to consider choosing a professional design and remodeling firm to help you make your plans a reality. Consider calling Custom Built to help you make your dream bath a reality! Custom Built has experience renovating, designing and creating dream bathrooms. Michael at Custom Built can help you sort through the best choices and options for bringing your perfect bathroom to life. Just call and share your dreams with Michael today! 517-881-9871

