

at home

A bathroom transformation with a light and airy touch

Soft AND *Serene*

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Designer Charlene Threatful and her team at Lush Interiors embarked on a mission to transform a dim, cluttered bathroom into a serene, storage-smart haven. The project's muse? An

enchancing aqua artisan tile, which helped inspire the project's overall material and colour palette.

The shower and tub layout were revamped to optimize the limited space while maintaining openness. "The shower now runs along the back wall of the ensuite, allowing us to provide

this and her showers, where each person has a large amount of storage with a ledge for each of them in their respective spaces," says Threatful.

"Because the client requested low-maintenance finishes, we used a large format tile that we wrapped around the bottom half of the shower and



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extended into the tub surround. We kept the details calm and quiet, so that the aqua tile could take centre stage.”

Grout lines were kept minimal and by using the same quartz material on the ledges and bench in the shower, cleanup is a breeze. The glossy hex chosen for the shower floor is also easy to clean, and the grout provides enough anti-slip grip for the large shower.

“We opted for a micro shaker cabinet in a rift oak to keep it from feeling too feminine, and it grounds the vanity and adds a touch of warmth and texture,” says Threatful. The large, floated vanity illuminates the floor with under-cabinet lighting, keeping the feeling of openness. Luxurious gold details and fixtures were used to harmonize with the cabinets, patina-rich floor tiles, and crystal ceiling light, giving a sophisticated look.

When it came to keeping items organized, a balance of functionality

and elegance was achieved through different storage solutions. “We utilized drawers with organizers rather than doors, which provided ample storage without the use of upper cabinetry, also keeping it light and airy,” says Threatful. Towel hooks were incorporated into the shower glass for easy access, eliminating the need for towel bars.

Lighting is paramount in any bathroom renovation, so the goal was to harness as much natural light as possible. The shower’s redesign allowed daylight to stream through its large, opaque window, emitting a welcoming warmth. Essential vanity lighting was created with three grand sconces, and a dimmable chandelier over the bathtub sporting eight candelabra bulbs sets any desired mood. On gloomy days, two shower pot lights step in, ensuring radiance without the need of bright window light.



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