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NOTHING BEATS SINKING INTO AN INDULGENT BATH AT THE END OR EVEN MIDDLE OF A LONG DAY. WHAT'S LESS APPEALING IS SINKING INTO A BOG STANDARD BATH STARING UP AT AN EIGHTIES ARTEX CEILING TO THE SOUND OF A DRIPPING TAP...

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Contemplating a new bathroom can be bamboozling and expensive. It's easy to get lost down a Pinterest rabbit hole, but the actuality of getting it done, of managing different trades and living with the mess is a different story. Worth it? Yes, but being prepared is probably going to make the process more palatable. Here are some things to consider when planning.

First, get a realistic budget sorted and if it stretches far enough to include a bathroom designer who will hold your hand and manage the difficult trade-y bits, do it. We can't stress this enough. They'll have existing relationships with the relevant trades which will make a huge difference and the chances are they'll come up with a design for the space that you might not have seen.

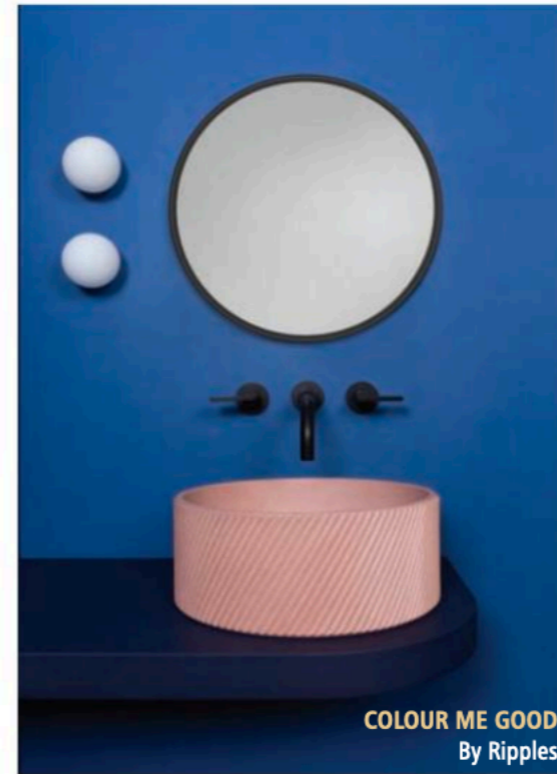
If that's not an option, decide what you want and then bore into the detail. In terms of achieving the look, what do you need? Yes, it's fun picking out those scallop Ca Pietro tiles and dreamy Fritz Fryer wall lights, but get to grips with the stuff that's integral to the system. Are you moving plumbing around? Are the electrics in the right place? Would you like underfloor heating? Talk to proposed trades people and get recommendations and read reviews. Meet them and shop around. Trust your instincts. Find people that get you and are enthusiastic about your project. Also, take their lead on timings. You need to have a schedule and understand when to get which trades in, in which order.

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