

Bathroom Decorating Checklist

48 Steps to a Finished Look

Plan & Measure

- ☐ Pick a style direction in three words
- ☐ Set a budget with a 10% buffer
- ☐ Measure the vanity, wall spaces and door swing
- ☐ Mark outlets, switches and plumbing on a sketch
- ☐ Check that the ventilation fan works
- ☐ Decide what stays and what goes

Color, Walls & Surfaces

- ☐ Choose a palette with the 60/30/10 rule
- ☐ Sample paint and view it at night
- ☐ Use a moisture-friendly paint finish
- ☐ Treat the ceiling and trim as part of the plan
- ☐ Refresh grout and caulk
- ☐ Consider one feature surface

Lighting & Mirrors

- ☐ Layer three kinds of light
- ☐ Put task light at face height
- ☐ Use warm bulbs with a high CRI
- ☐ Size the mirror to the vanity
- ☐ Add a dimmer or a night light
- ☐ Confirm fixtures are damp or wet rated

Hardware, Fixtures & Finishes

- ☐ Choose one main metal finish
- ☐ Hang towel bars at a comfortable height
- ☐ Mount hooks where you actually reach
- ☐ Place the toilet-paper holder within easy reach
- ☐ Swap cabinet pulls and knobs
- ☐ Update tired shower hardware

Textiles & Rugs

- ☐ Hang a fabric shower curtain over a liner
- ☐ Add a non-slip bath mat
- ☐ Buy a coordinated towel set
- ☐ Set out separate guest hand towels
- ☐ Deal with the window
- ☐ Check care labels before you buy

Storage & Organization

- ☐ Zone the vanity drawers
- ☐ Organize under the sink
- ☐ Add storage above the toilet
- ☐ Use lidded baskets for extras
- ☐ Add a small trash can with a lid
- ☐ Keep spare toilet paper where guests can find it
- ☐ Corral counter items on a tray

Art, Plants & Accents

- ☐ Hang moisture-safe art
- ☐ Choose plants that tolerate humidity
- ☐ Add one scent source
- ☐ Pick a single focal accent
- ☐ Limit counter items to three to five
- ☐ Add texture instead of more stuff

Final Walkthrough

- ☐ Stand in the doorway and scan the sight lines
- ☐ Test the lighting at night
- ☐ Run through your daily routine
- ☐ Do the guest check
- ☐ Take photos for reference

Tip: Work top to bottom — plan, then paint, then lighting and hardware, then textiles, storage and accents.