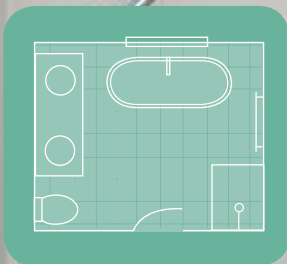


SET IN STONE

A NEUTRAL COLOUR SCHEME, NATURAL MATERIALS AND A SPACIOUS LAYOUT MAKE FOR A CALMING FAMILY BATHROOM

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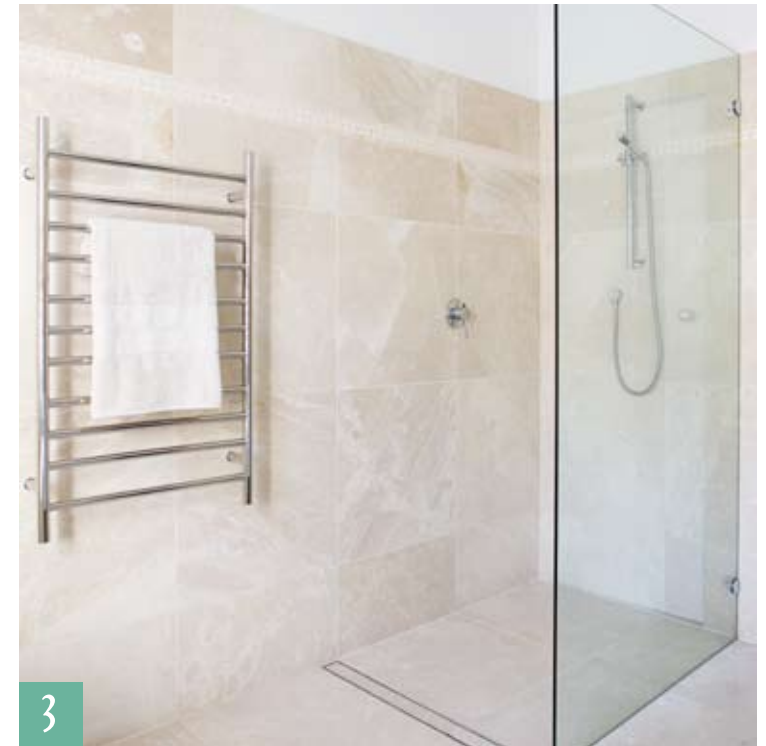
Design tip

When choosing a window treatment, consider shutters, which provide privacy, an abundance of light and timeless style

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1+2 Natural wonder

Stone is the star of this tranquil scheme and was chosen for its durability and timeless appeal. The basins dictated the shade of the marble floor and wall tiles, giving the space a gentle wash of colour. A border tile introduces a subtle decorative touch, while a gap of exposed white at the top ties in with the vanity unit and bath. Marble is a porous stone which must be sealed when used in wet areas to prevent discolouring; this falls to the owner or tiler once it's installed. If applied correctly, penetrating sealers should last between three to five years, or longer if you use a specialised cleaner such as the Spirit Marble & Tile Care range (www.spiritsealers.com).

3 Off side

If you have the luxury of a large space, take advantage of it by tailoring the layout so that its best features are accentuated. In this bathroom, the freestanding bath and basins immediately take centre stage. The toilet and shower have been relegated to the corners, giving each their own space without detracting from the key features. As with the rest of the scheme, the design of the shower area has had a less-is-more approach, finished with a contemporary grate that requires only a minimally sloping floor.

4 Stone age

Marble basins are a luxurious step away from more standard ceramic and give this welcoming bathroom real 'wow factor', especially when teamed with a show-stopping tapware set. Placing it atop a white crystal composite benchtop further highlights the colour and texture of the marble.

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DESIGN FILE

Expect to pay: Around \$28,000, including installation.
 Basins: Illuka in Crema Marfil marble, Creations In Stone.
 Bath: 04 Series freestanding bath, Australian Construction Supplies.
 Bath filler: 2S Series freestanding bath filler with hand shower, Australian Construction Supplies.
 Benchtop: Samco crystal composite in White, Nefiko Marble.
 Shutters: Vogue Vinyl Shutters.
 Shower: HSI rail shower, ROAI20I overhead shower, both Australian Construction Supplies.
 Shower screen: Glass shower screen, M.A.S. Constructions.

Tapware: 'Love Me' wall mixer with spout, Paco Jaansõn. 2S Series shower/bath mixer with diverter, Australian Construction Supplies.
 Tiles: Honed marble in Royal Beige (600mm x 600mm) for floor and walls; BSF-SNY-TH marble border tiles, all Nefiko Marble.
 Toilet: Wall-hung pan, Australian Construction Supplies.
 Towel rail: ARTR-02 heated, Australian Construction Supplies.
 Vanity: Custom-made vanity in 2-pac polyurethane, Kitchenart.
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