

# COOL creation

This powder room was brought out of its style slump with a dramatic overhaul

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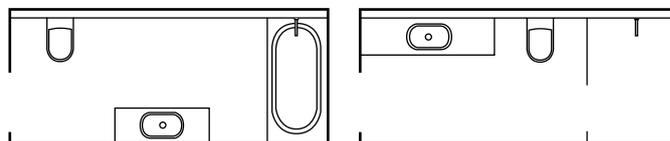


When the time came to renovate the bathroom in their Melbourne home, owners Julie and Brad knew they wanted a big change. Enlisting the help of interior designer Fiona Austin, they drew up a plan that would radically transform the tired Federation-style family bathroom into an elegant powder room. Pine floorboards, an inset bath and dark wood vanity have given way to a glossy sanctuary.

### SMOOTH OPERATOR

A half wall clad in shimmering Casa Dolce Casa mosaic tiles juts out into the new-look powder room, hiding the plumbing of the back-to-wall toilet for a streamlined look and providing a slender display shelf. The frameless shower screen allows light from a new window to flood into the room, illuminating the sleek fittings and porcelain tiles. For minimal grout lines, opt for tiles with rectified edges that can be butted together closely. "Simplifying finishes makes the bathroom look a lot bigger," says Fiona. Finger pulls on the vanity reduce visual noise, while the grey veins in the Calacatta marble benchtop pick up the tones of the mosaic splashback. A standout basin and sculptural mixer provide finishing touches. 

**top tip** "Play around with the floor plan; look for as many options as possible. This means you'll know that the design you've gone for maximises both the space and your needs" ~ Fiona Austin of Austin Design Associates



BEFORE

AFTER

### BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Fittings: Catalano 'C3' basin and toilet	\$1600
Mirror and shower screen	\$1200
Paint: Dulux Natural White	\$1250
Tapware: Astra Walker 'Icon' basin set	\$900
Tiles: Glazed porcelain (wall), vitrified porcelain (floor), Casa Dolce Casa 'Vetro Neutra' mosaic in Moka Lux	\$6000
Vanity: Honed Calacatta marble benchtop; cabinet in 2-pac polyurethane in Dulux Natural White	\$2000
Window	\$1000
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Expect to pay: **\$12,950 including labour**