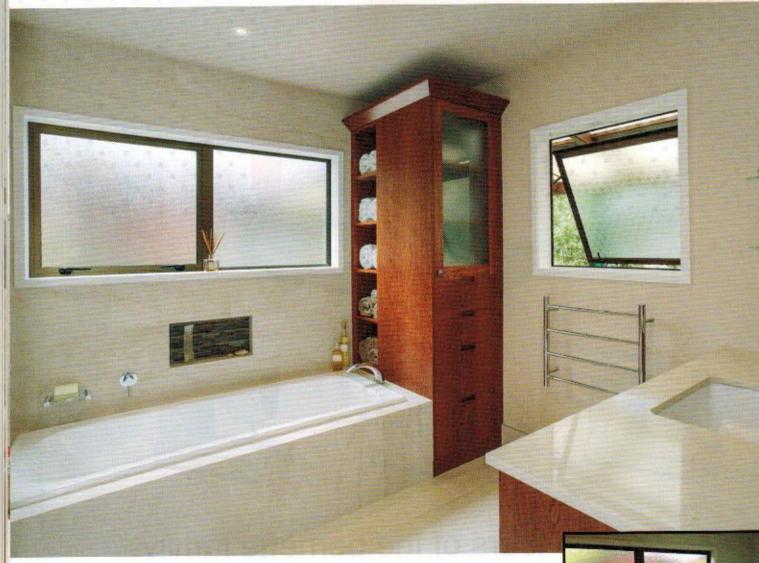
# Rosy glow

A tired bathroom is given a sleek makeover, with a neutral colour palette and a few savvy storage solution

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## Snapshot

Who lives here? Robert and Lisa Davis, plus Persian cat Mr Grits. Robert is a semi-retired engineer and Lisa works in sales.

Where is the home? Northcote, Auckland.

# The project

What was the brief? Robert and Lisa enlisted interior designer Susan Templer of Templer Interiors to renovate their bathroom. They wanted a more comfortable, functional and attractive space with upgraded fixtures and fittings, a bigger shower and better storage. Susan managed the whole process, from design and product sourcing to supplying tradespeople and installation.

# Design solutions

What were some of the design challenges?

Susan: Although the bethroom was comparatively large, heving a separate tub and large walk-in shower was going to be difficult without some structural changes. The old bathroom had a very small shower tucked in a comer behind the hot-water cupboard. I moved the hot-water cylinder to the laundry, where it is out of sight.

What features add interest? A unique feature is the bookcase-style open shelves at the back of the tall cabinet by the tub. This is a great place to store towels, bath salts, scaps and more, and the shelves take advantage of the extra space created by the width of the tub.



ABOVE The bath was resurfaced and moved to align with the window, creating space for a richly coloured wooden storage cabinet.

RIGHT A mosaic-tiled recess and dumper showerhead are some of the features of the new walk-in shower.



#### Contacts

- Susan Templer, interior designer, templerinteriors.co.nz
- Reccomended by Susan: Daryll and Zibi are two tradespeople whom I try to use on all of my projects. They are the best.
- Daryll Hayes, Mako Construction, makoconstruction.co.nz
- Zibi Kwasnik, European Tiler, europeantiler.co.nz

#### Finishes

Can only be called eclectic. It is clean and modern, but the timber cabinets give it a more traditional look. The clients really like timber, particularly this shade. The rosy colour brings warmth and the grain adds interest.

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What finishes did you use? The floor, shower walls and tub surround are lined in beautiful Italian, limestone look porcelain tiles. The vanity splashback and the back of both recessed alcoves (one in the shower, one by the bath) have a mosaic accent of glass and slate tiles. The custom cabinets are made from bubings timber and provide loads of storage. The paint colour is very close to the tile colour and lends a calm feel to the room.

## The process

What was the best part of the process? I really enjoy the whole renovation process, but the best part is probably seeing it start to come together. Until then it is all in my head.

Any disasters during the reno? The whole renovation went very smoothly. The only real problem came near the end, when we realised that the towel warmer location was interfering with some of the drawers opening fully.

## Budget

What did you save on? We reused the original bath. The big, sturdy, roomy tub was resurfaced, making it as good as new and saving thousands. What did you splurge on? The cabir and Lisa really wanted high-qualit cabinets and fell in love with the k bubings veneer. They didn't want on the number or style of cabinets chose a higher-priced Caesarstone over more budget options.

### The result

## What do you love about your new ba

**Lisa and Robert:** The large, easy, was with the Paffoni dumper showerhes functionality of the lighting and the bubinga-wood cupboards.

How was the renovation process? W takes longer than one wants, it was managed, and not by us, which we the key! All the products and fixtur sourced on time and were on hand required, so there was no going ba again for bits and pieces. Thanks t whole thing went very smoothly.

How is this transformed room performore beautiful than we had hoped perfectly for us. We love it and wis done it sooner!

#### BUDGET

FACT FILE Walls painted in Resene 'Half Bis 'Quarter Biscotti'. Original bath resurfaced. H from Heirloom. Tapware and shower fittings Symphony porcelain tiles from Italy. Mosaic: Countertop by Caesarstone. Timber cabinet

