

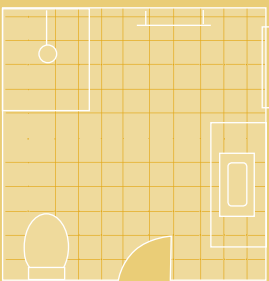
# SMALL & SENSATIONAL

CLEVER VISUAL TRICKERY UPS THE DRAMATIC IMPACT OF THIS COMPACT ENSUITE

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## Design tip

Create visual interest in a compact space by using two different coloured wall tiles to define each area of the room



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## 1+2 Pretty practical

A major overhaul has resulted in this elegant ensuite, a clever combination of form and function. Serena Elise of White Chalk Interiors removed an existing spa bath and had the plumbing repositioned in order to accommodate a new walk-in wardrobe, toilet, vanity and large shower in the relatively compact space. A mix of drawers and cabinets under the vanity, clad in timber laminate to add warmth to the cool scheme, provides plenty of storage, an essential part of the brief for this hard-working ensuite.

## 3 Clever cabinetry

Handle-free cupboards above the sink, which double as a shaving mirror and extra storage, keep power points hidden from view for a neat finish. Serena selected honed marble for the vanity top, a natural product that chimes visually with the neutral tones of the splashback. An undermounted basin and simple mixer are clever choices for this petite bathroom as they keep the surface clear and relatively uncluttered.

## 4 Pale and interesting

The room's colourway was chosen to tie in with the moody hues of the rest of the house, but with just one source of natural light in the ensuite, Serena suggested a lighter scheme here. To add interest and help define the shower area, she created a subtle striped effect by teaming the tiles used throughout the room with same-sized ones in a complementary shade of grey. A shallow recess keeps toiletries at hand.

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## DESIGN FILE

Expect to pay: \$22,000, including installation.

Basin: For similar, try Raymor Sapphire undercounter basin, Tradelink.

Cabinetry: Custom-built.

Shower: For similar, try Hansgrohe 'Crometta 85 Vario', Tradelink.

Tapware: For similar, try Raymor Academy basin mixer, Tradelink.

Tiles: Il Sogno porcelain in Gris and Bianco on walls, Moorabbin Tiles.

Towel rail: For similar, try Phoenix 'Gen-X' ladder, Reece.

Vanity: Laminate veneer for cabinetry, Laminex. Dolido marble vanity top, European Marble Centre.

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