

Expect *the unexpected*

THIS BATHROOM EFFORTLESSLY BLENDS THE OWNERS' LOVE OF BLUES AND GREENS WITH THE HOME'S MID-CENTURY HERITAGE.

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Moving past the all-white trends of traditional bathrooms, Vellum Interiors created an understated space with raw and rustic textures and soothing coastal hues. As the main bathroom for a couple living on Sydney's North Shore, it was essential for the renovation to act in tandem with the rest of the home's light and fun design. "The owners love blues and greens, and so do we, so we used this as a base to create the overall palette," says founder Alex Gourlay-Craig. "They also wanted the bathroom to feel cohesive with the rest of the house we'd designed previously, which features walnut timber as a nod to its Mid-century heritage." A uniquely shaped bath in a custom pale green is the couple's favourite feature. "We often like to explore ways we can use small details to create little 'surprise and delight' design moments," says Alex. "These small details are what elevate a room and make our designs unique." *Vellum Interiors: velluminteriors.com.au.*



BATHROOM *design notes*

WALL TILES Handmade Moroccan Bejmat tiles in White and Lake Blue, Surface Gallery.

FLOOR TILES Italian terrazzo tiles, Surface Gallery.

VANITY Walnut veneer.

BENCHTOP Calacatta Vagli marble.

BASIN 'Clay 350' ceramic basins in Coast, Robert Gordon Interiors.

BATH DADO quartz 'Liberty' freestanding bath with plinth in Matt White, Cass Brothers.

TAPWARE 'Icon' wall set, freestanding bath mixer, shower arm and rose, all Astra Walker.

HARDWARE 'Icon' robe hooks, Astra Walker.

LIGHTING 'Glass Anton Mini' wall lights, Volker Haug Studio.

FURNITURE Custom shaving cabinets.



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WALLS 'Melville' wallpaper in Stone & Soft Olive, Cole & Son.

FLOOR TILES Smashed marble mosaics in Spearmint, Surface Gallery.

BASIN 'Lilli 400' basin, Omvivo.

TAPWARE 'Icon+' wall set in Tuscan Bronze, Astra Walker.

TOILET Villeroy & Boch 'O.novo Style DirectFlush' BTW S-trap soft close, Argent Australia.

FURNITURE Gubi 'Randaccio' circular mirror in Brass, Cult.

Small talk

BEAUTIFUL FINISHES MAKE THE MOST OF A COMPACT POWDER ROOM ON SYDNEY'S NORTH SHORE.

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When it came to designing this powder room, Vellum Interiors was given free rein with just one requirement from the owners – a functioning toilet. “Being a powder room, we didn’t have a whole lot of room to play with and also didn’t want to move around the plumbing location of the existing toilet,” says Alex Gourlay-Craig, founder of Vellum Interiors. “We did want to add in a basin though, which we achieved by reversing the door swing, which then gave us space for a small basin and mirror.” The ‘Melville’ wallpaper in Stone & Soft Olive incorporates the blues and greens found throughout the Mid-century home into the small space, while adding visual impact through decorative elements. “We opted to use a feature tile on the floors as an unusual and unexpected feature,” says Alex. “As the tiles are a very similar tone to the wallpaper, it adds a unique talking point and lovely texture.” An accompaniment to the main bathroom, the powder room is now a source of inspiration for both the homeowners and their guests. *Vellum Interiors: velluminteriors.com.au.* **H&G**