



DISCREET DETAILING The combination of materials and the way they are fitted together is something that Greg takes pride in. One elegant example is the way he set the shower rose into a square recess in the plasterboard ceiling. "I didn't want the shower rose to look like it was just tacked on," explains Greg. Orbis **shower rose**, \$585, from Rogerseller, nationally (02) 9332 4800.

MIX 'N' MATCH

A SEEMINGLY MISMATCHED GROUP OF MATERIALS WORK IN PERFECT HARMONY IN THIS STYLISH BATHROOM BY DESIGNER GREG NATALE

BACKGROUND With only one small bathroom on the ground level of this two-storey Victorian terrace house in Sydney's Paddington, the owner needed to find space for another. Fortunately, she was prepared to sacrifice a small third bedroom on the floor above to gain the second bathroom, and commissioned interior designer Greg Natale to design it for her as part of a total home transformation. "The client wanted a bathroom with a freestanding bath," says Greg. "She also wanted an upstairs laundry included in the bathroom."

BUDGET Greg worked closely with the builder before work commenced. "We had lots of conversations to work out how much we needed to spend on the various items,"

says Greg, "so there were no blowouts." The total cost of the new bathroom was around \$20,000. By keeping a lid on some fittings and fixtures (like the tiles), Greg was able to splurge on a couple of big-ticket items, such as the bath and the timber veneer cabinet.

SOLUTION Greg managed to fit a laundry into the bathroom, stashing a stacked washing machine and dryer inside the handsome custom-built cabinet that's neatly tucked into one corner. This left enough room for the requisite freestanding bath. The new bathroom uses a rich combination of materials, including a recessed Calacutta marble shelf, glass mosaic tiles and the warm South American timber veneer that clads the cupboard. →



MIXED MESSAGES The laundry appliances are hidden from view in a purpose-built Santos Palisander timber veneer cabinet. "I chose the rich timber colour because I wanted a contrast," Greg explains. Villeroy & Boch 'Omnia Pro' sink, \$499; Villeroy & Boch 'Omnia Pro' toilet suite [wall-face pan, in-wall system and skate cover plate], \$1011, all from Argent, nationally 1300 364 748. Madinoz 'MDZ-SRH 845/B-SSS' toilet roll holder, \$47.90, from Madinoz, nationally (02) 9971 0299. Logic taps, \$168 per set, from Rogerseller, nationally (02) 9332 4800, www.rogerseller.com.au. Caroma 'Liano' bath spout (used for basin), \$82.23, from Reece Plumbing Centres, nationally 1800 032 566.



TOP HOB A tiled hob not only houses the plumbing and toilet cistern, but also allowed Greg to build in an indulgent narrow marble shelf and splashback, which works beautifully with the mirror and tiles. Calacutta marble (price varies according to quality), from Classic Tiles, Petersham NSW (02) 9560 6333. Glass mosaic 'A32TC' tiles, \$33 per sqm, from Glennon Tiles, Alexandria NSW (02) 9698 4100.

DESIGNER Greg Natale Interior Design, (02) 8399 2103. **BUILDER** Ciolino Constructions, (02) 9713 6915. **JOINERY** Tusa Brothers Kitchens, (02) 9534 2142.



A LITTLE LUXURY The client wanted an island bath, but the size of the room meant it had to be fitted against a wall, with one end tucked into the shower recess. Bette bath, \$2148; Starlet bath surround, \$2750; Luna bath spout, \$215, all from Rogerseller, as before.