

NEW AGE

Modern touches complement heritage charm for a bathroom with timeless style

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Vibrant swathes of Dulux Soft Fresco coat the door to this main bathroom in Sydney's Inner West, leading to a colourful and charming space. With nods to the Federation architecture of the home alongside modern twists, the room's style doesn't belong to any singular decade – an intentional move from interior designer Brett Mickan. The homeowners, a couple with two teenagers, wanted the space to belong in their period property, yet still feel modern. As such, “Fresh Federation” was Brett's guide as he created the bathroom, originally a bedroom, from scratch.

Storage is maximised with a mirrored cabinet and vanity, both custom-made by Euro Kitchen Design. A sleek basin ensures there's as much usable space as possible on the Elba White marble vanity top from Granite & Marble Works.

Flourishes of colour and pattern delight, with the vanity in Dulux Sage Monica and Roman blind featuring Jasper Fabrics 'Malmaison' in Fontaine from Coco's Soft Furnishings. The owners adore the result. “They never thought a bathroom could be so colourful and functional at the same time,” says Brett.

SOURCE BOOK

Interior design Brett Mickan Interior Design, bmid.com.au.

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STYLE NOTES

Square tiles from The Art of Tiles decorate the bathroom, with two thirds of the wall height clad with 'Polo' tiles in Gesso. Below this, a border of 'Polo' tiles in Turchese creates a skirting board-effect that bridges the walls and 'Pattern Ischia' floor tiles, which Brett explains are reminiscent of Federation-style tessellated tiles. The uppermost third of the walls, including the room's cornices and ceiling, is painted in fresh Dulux Lexicon Half.

IN THE DETAILS

The open wet-room layout meets the brief for a separate shower and freestanding bath. The Caroma 'Urbane II' tub has a modern, oval shape that complements the Brodware 'Yokato' tapware and heated towel rail in Roma Bronze. Over time, the natural patina of the finish will create a sense of maturity well-suited to the 1900s home. On the joinery, 'Sovereign' knobs in Polished Gold and Crystal from Castella complete the heritage look.

GET THE LOOK



From left Jasper Fabrics 'Malmaison' fabric in Fontaine, from \$750/m, Elliott Clarke. 'Urbane II' back-to-corner 1700mm bath, \$3099, Caroma. Brodware 'Yokato' wall basin set with 160mm spout in Roma Bronze, \$1455, Sydney Tap & Bathroomware. Dulux Wash&Wear paint in Sage Monica, \$104.11/4L. Santa Maria Novella 'Gelsomino' EDP, \$425/100ml, Myer.

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