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Wet Rooms, Building a
Butlers Pantry & More

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Welcome to the February 2022 issue of The Design Journal, your monthly dose of interior design insight, news and inspiration.

Amidst a world of ongoing uncertainty and mayhem, I think we can all do with a dash of inspiration, hope and beauty right now!

This month is all about the revival of wet rooms, how to build a brilliant butlers pantry and some of our stunning modern design projects.

Enjoy reading and see you next month,

Melissa Lunardon and team





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WET ROOM REVIVAL 2022



Originally, wet rooms were completely open without any glass partition, however, a simple fixed glass panel creating a walk-in shower area is a much more practical choice and the general trend for wet rooms has evolved to include some sort of shower screen.

The wet room bathroom isn't necessarily a new concept but is having an invigorated resurgence in homes. Last year we saw many renovators adopt the open-plan formation, which typically sees the shower, bath and sometimes vanity in a boundary-free space. Now, in terms of modern bathroom ideas, wet rooms are certainly up there with the most popular.

While the process of installing a wet room might be more disruptive and expensive than a standard bathroom re-fit, by tanking the envelope of your bathroom, you can streamline finishes and create rooms which are more practical. So let's dive into this exciting design revival and all you need to know about wet rooms.

Walk through

In this design from Melissa Lunardon, a walk-through wet room set-up allows for a freestanding bath in the centre of the room and a shower that can be used from either side behind the bath. Without disturbing the flow of the room, a walk-through shower like this gives a luxurious feel which is well-suited to high-end bathrooms.



WET ROOMS; MAKE A SPLASH

Wet rooms aren't far removed from standard bathrooms at all. The difference is that their open-plan design features little to no dividers between each bathroom component. This means that the bath, shower, vanity, and toilet are kept close by in one central minimalistic space. Usually, the shower and bath are contained together, with a partial glass shower screen separating the vanity and toilet.

Wet room bathrooms also require adequate waterproofing, as the space is designed to get entirely saturated. This is done by a process called tanking, whereby a membrane makes the wet room invulnerable to leaks. Wet rooms also need to be tiled from floor to ceiling.

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WET ROOM PROS

By Melissa Lunardon

● All Sizes And Spaces

Wet rooms are a fantastic bathroom design choice for small and larger spaces. It has an advantage in smaller bathroom sizes since the open-plan formation can make the area feel more spacious. In bigger bathrooms, a wet room can look opulent and add a point of distinction.

● Mobility

The minimalistic concept of a wet room is also helpful for the elderly or those with mobility issues, as moving around between each fitting faces fewer obstructions. Just ensure that there are handrails to promote added safety.

● Cleaning Ease

As a wet room is meant to get the whole area wet, cleaning is an easier task. Also, suppose you section off the bath and shower with a partial glass screen. In that case, water is protected from the vanity or toilet, offering less opportunity for watermarks to stain those areas.



LUXURY IN DETAILS



VANITY

Having a minimalistic vanity to accompany your wet room is essential. Consider opting for a floating one so there is no opportunity for water to pool near the bottom and cause damage. It also suits the stripped-back aesthetic of a wet room to lift and lighten the space.

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WET ROOM PRACTICALITIES

Airflow

A wet room can quickly become a humid environment, where everything can remain damp for a while. It's imperative to have good airflow to prevent mould and grime from building up. Proper fans and windows dry out moisture and can make it a safer place to move around. This should be a strong consideration in the design process.

Storage

In smaller wet rooms, it's easier for items you would like to stay dry to get wet. Ensure that these belongings, such as toilet paper and towels, are stored in a location that ensures they don't get affected by moisture. Storage of such items should not be ignored in the design for the sake of aesthetics.

Budget

Waterproofing and tiling expenses can add up quickly and should be carefully budgeted for. It may be more costly, but ensuring that this area is properly fitted out to withstand moisture means that you won't run into any complications down the track. Work with experienced and knowledgeable professionals to form a realistic budget.



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The best rooms have something to say about the people who live in them. When it comes to design, be true to you and how you live.

BUTLERS PANTRY

OUR TOP TIPS TO HELP BUILD
THE BEST BUTLER'S PANTRY



The why

A keen kitchen comrade, the butler's pantry handles the practical tasks so there's more space to entertain.

They act as a mini kitchen inside your regular one, allowing you to hide dirty dishes from guests, provide more storage and give your home a deluxe flair. The modern butler's pantry comes in various formations and dimensions, a proud domain of servitude for preserving kitchen cleanliness.

Consider size

A kitchen with a butler's pantry does require some space, but it doesn't have to upheave the entire blueprint. It is possible to create a small butler's pantry that won't compromise the powerhouse work ethic you want. Think about the size of your future butler's pantry, and see how it can fit into your home's design. Once you have landed on a size that suits your lifestyle and budget, you can begin planning the interior features.

Working triangle

The key to any functional kitchen is the working triangle, and ideally, a butler's pantry should aid that instead of interrupt it. A triangular workflow usually consists of the stove, fridge and sink placed in a triangle shape to maximise efficiency. If you're going to put one or more of these items in your butler's pantry, ensure they are placed strategically to not interrupt kitchen flow.

Cabinetry

Cabinetry and bench space are essential features in any butler's pantry. You want to have enough room for storage and preparation but also enough space to move around easily. If your butler's pantry is on the smaller side, consider adopting more open-air shelving or sliding doors for cabinetry. This is because pull-out drawers in an already cramped area can further shrink available space.



Lighting

A butler's pantry is, first and foremost, a place of work. Installing adequate task lighting helps ensure that this part of the home can run efficiently. If you do not have a window in your butler's pantry, it can be dim and easier for food and appliances to get lost. If you include pull-out drawers and cupboards, perhaps add strip lighting underneath benchtops to illuminate the contents of your cabinetry. While warm lighting is ambient and soothing, it is often better to have cooler-toned lighting in a workspace like a butler's pantry to clarify vision.

Accessorise

Now for the fun part — choosing the accessories to help complete the space. Consider fixtures, fittings and general hardware that fulfil pillars of style and efficiency. For example, cabinetry handles are a simple way to elevate your space while ensuring that your drawers function properly. Another common feature of the butler's pantry is a kitchen mixer and kitchen sink. They allow you to hide dirty dishes and keep more space available in your kitchen. Consider a traditional rectangular-shaped sink, as it's easier to fit bulkier items such as chopping boards.



MODERNIST BEAUTY

We dubbed this most recent project by Melissa Lunardon Interior Design a 'Modernist Beauty'. Why? Because it is the epitome of modern design.

Modernist interior design is a style characterised by clean lines, minimalism, natural materials, and natural light. Though it is often confused—or used interchangeably—with the term "contemporary design," modern design is its own distinct style with an emphasis on abstract thinking, functionality, and simple forms..

GALLERY



A simple way to ensure your bedroom design promotes a positive mood and feels like a place you can unwind in? Make sure it reflects your style; incorporates your favourite materials, colours, and patterns; shines the right light; and maximises space.

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