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Starting a bathroom renovation project can be tricky- especially if this is a journey that you've never embarked on before. Whether you decide to go with Day True or not, here are some things that we have learnt the hard way, the things we'd wish we had known, and the things we would do differently if we had the chance. No one or no journey is perfect. Here are our tops tips and questions that you should be asking to make it a little easier.

1. Get it designed professionally

Bathrooms are more complex than people realise, having lots of moving parts, varying suppliers, as well as infinite design options- we take our hats off to anyone that who wants to brave the journey alone!

"Can I buy the parts I need online myself? My builder has told me that he can source what we need and install"

Our answer is *"yes, it is possible to approach a bathroom this way, but the quality of the design and the final finish may not be what you had hoped for"*

"Why?"

"Our designers will help you to bring all of your bathroom elements together aesthetically, while ensuring product compatibility and technical expertise. We will provide technical drawings to your contractor on site, so you will have the confidence that your dream bathroom can become a reality"

Below is a snapshot of the key things our designers will consider when designing your bathroom:

- Water pressure
- Slip grades for tile surfaces
- Tile details for recesses, edging, grout colour, and tile patterns
- Correct IP ratings for architectural and decorative lighting
- Brassware projections, controls, and positioning
- Wet room/walk-in shower solutions
- Storage
- Design led solutions

2. Consider your brassware

We believe that quality matters- especially for wall or ceiling mounted brassware. If your budget allows, we'd highly recommend that you invest in good quality brassware for your taps, shower heads, and shower controls as it increases longevity. If not, you could be paying out more later along the line when things go wrong e.g., tarnishing or a change in texture.

Don't forget, concealed parts are the most difficult parts to change and/or

swap out as they affect water conditions, décor, and tiling.

Here are a couple of things to consider before purchasing your brassware:

- PVD finishes Vs plated finishes
- Having watertight concealed parts

3. Cleaning and maintenance

You're in it for the long run, therefore you need to consider the right materials for you to compliment the way that you want to live- you don't want cleaning to become a headache.

It might be ok now, but will you be happy to continue the same cleaning routine in a couple of years down the line? From everything between heavy duty cleaning products to hair dye, bathrooms can take a battering and you must consider your choices. Design a bathroom to suit the way that you want to live. Here's some things that we have learnt:

- Matt black brassware- If you live in a hard water area, matt black brassware might be one to reconsider. Hard water produces more limescale, therefore it is more likely to stand out unless you have installed a water softener at the water source.

- Porous or encaustic tiles- If you plan to put porous or encaustic tiles in a high traffic area, please be aware that there is a higher chance of wear and tear. We also recommend avoiding these tiles on bathroom floors which young children have access to. (Let's just say, encaustic tiles don't do well with uric acid!).

- Be aware when using new cleaning products- If you are lucky to have a cleaner, make sure to talk them through which products are appropriate to use on your new bathroom. If in doubt, double check with the supplier and test in an inconspicuous area first.

4. Wellness

A bathroom project is a significant investment, so it worth considering what more you can get from your space and for what you might need in the future. Who says a spa is just for a getaway? Steam rooms, saunas, aquapressure & Kniepp therapy can all be a part of your new bathroom. It's a room you will use every day so make it an experience.

5. Storage and surfaces

A beautiful bathroom without adequate storage solutions won't stay beautiful for long. Consider how you will be using the space- are you religious about your skincare with lots of product? Do you like doing your makeup on the run or keeping that beard trimmed? It's important to discuss with your designer how you live, so that the design supports this and provides you with what matters the most.

Day True's exclusive Rexa range has something for everyone. With tailor-made storage solutions, you'll find your perfect match.

Top Tip: If you're not sure how much storage you'll need, take pictures of what you have stored (or not stored) and share with your designer. This will be super helpful for both of you.