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FAST FACTS

THE VISION:
A modern-maximalist space drenched in colour with layers of timeless natural materials

TIMELINE:
9 MONTHS

LOCATION:
TORONTO

FOCUS ON BALANCE

The glossy green tile is a focal point in the room, so it was important to choose timeless flooring. "I opted for checkerboard," says designer Yvonne Crezel. "It makes a statement but doesn't compete with the incredible wall tile." Wall tile, Saitillo Imports.

SET THE TONE WITH A STATEMENT PAPER

The homeowner loves vibrant bougainvillea flowers, and when she requested a pink element in her bathroom, Yvonne found a fab floral wallpaper close to the shade of her client's favourite blooms. Wallpaper, Harlequin; faucet, Tops Bath Centre.

BUILD DRAMA WITH A BLACK TUB

To take the room in a contemporary direction, Yvonne swapped out the original clawfoot tub for a sleek freestanding one in bold black. "I didn't want to see white walls or a white tub in this room — it didn't make sense with the rest of the colourful space," she says. Tub, Tops Bath Centre.

DESIGNER YVONNE CREZEL CREATES A VIBRANT RETREAT FOR THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR.

WHEN HER NEIGHBOURS Danielle and Mike approached her to renovate and reimagine their 1920s Edwardian-style house, Yvonne Crezel of YCC Design Interiors was delighted. These homeowners loved colour; their inspiration boards were bold and full of bright hues. "For years,

the design world has been enamoured with restraint, neutrality and simplicity," says the Toronto designer. "Danielle and Mike, on the other hand, embrace a maximalist ideology, which encouraged me to give them depth, personality and a curated extravagance." The 92-square-foot bathroom is a perfect example of the jol de vivre she brought to their home.

But before Yvonne could address colour and style, she had to make the layout work. The room was crowded, with a tub-shower combo and a tiny vanity. "They asked for a bright, open wet room zone for the tub and shower," she says. "And they're English, so they wanted the toilet in its own water closet." She also added a new window and had a skylight installed over the tub to boost natural light.

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Design YVONNE CREZEL
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A SPLASH of COLOUR

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ADD POLISH WITH GLOSSY TILE

Highly reflective tile brings glamour to bathrooms and helps bounce light around, which is especially smart in small spaces. It's also virtually nonporous, so it's great for shower walls where water needs to bead and run off easily.



KEY COSTS*

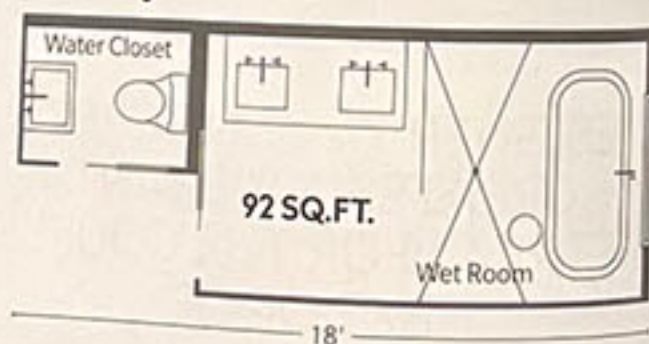
TUB AND SHOWER FAUCETS:	\$5,645
VANITY:	\$2,750
FLOOR TILE:	\$1,756
GREEN WALL TILE:	\$1,560
SCONCES:	\$1,266/set of 3
MIRRORS:	\$537
WALLPAPER:	\$450 (per roll)

wallpaper came in." She introduced another wallpaper in the water closet, where a more delicate pencil floor tile in black and white marble riffs on the checkerboard motif in the main space.

"We absolutely love the wallpapers," says Danielle. "Each space is drenched in complementary colours and there's no white paint on the trim, ceilings or doors." The black tub also resonated. "It wasn't something we'd ever considered," she adds. "We love how it ties in with the flooring."

Feeling, not just function, reigned supreme in this bathroom design. "We achieved that fine balance between drama and refinement, where rich textures, expressive prints and striking colours harmonize with thoughtful and timeless elements," says Yvonne. "It really came together beautifully."

The floor plan



TRY SPACE-SAVING DESIGNS

If you're tight on space, opt for a wall-mounted toilet. With the tank system hidden inside the framing, the toilet can be installed closer to the wall, freeing up valuable knee clearance. **Wallpaper** by Clarke & Clarke, Kravet Canada; **toilet** by Geberit, Taps Bath Centre.

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GET THE LOOK

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1. 39" x 23 1/2" Brass Rectangle mirror in Unlacquered Brass. Approx. \$713, Palmariaes.
2. The Invisible light switch for 3-Gang Rotary Dimmer. Approx. \$626, Forbes & Lomax.
3. Tosca Matte 5932 Acrylic Freestanding Centre-drain tub in Matte White with Matte Black Skirt. \$2,675, Maax.
4. 1 1/4" Brandt cabinet knob in Satin Brass by Emtek. Approx. \$11, ADH Fine Hardware.
5. Element Cotton-linen hand towel in Tuscan. \$29, Pokoloko.
6. Drummore Single sconce in Hand-rubbed Antique Brass and White Glass by Aerin. Approx. \$922, Visual Comfort.
7. Wonderland Floral wallpaper in Amethyst-lapis-ruby by Harlequin x Sophie Robinson. \$496/roll, Harlequin.
8. Amazon wallpaper in Navy by Clarke & Clarke. Pricing upon request, Kravet Canada.
9. Castia 2-Handle Freestanding tub filler in Vibrant Brushed Moderne Brass by Studio McGee for Kohler. \$4,521, The Home Depot Canada.
10. 12" x 12" Nero Marquina Polished Marble tile. \$22/sq. ft. Ciot.
11. 12" x 12" Bianco Carrara Polished Marble tile. \$21/sq. ft. Ciot.