

From energetic colour schemes to low-stress ayouts, we lift the lid on how to give this hard-working bathing space a modern look

1 GO BRIGHT WITH WHITE

A bleached-out bathroom will reflect rather than absorb light, creating a naturally refreshing space. It looks clean and - because you can see every speck of dirt - you can easily maintain its pristine finish. There's a fine line between a white palette that sets the mood for serenity and one that's science-lab sterile. While cool whites, which have blue or black base pigments, will look crisp in a southfacing room, north-facing spaces will benefit from a warm white, with yellow or red undertones, to dispel the chill factor. Introducing texture, such as a limed-timber floor, will also help soften the look.

Project details Polished brass brings warmth to this bright white scheme. This is the Julip BTP01 bath by Canadian brand Wetstyle. Vistoria + Albert's Toulouse design, £2,680, is similar. Find the Loft floor-standing bath filler, £3,395; London Deluge shower head, £748; London hand shower, £1,360; and bendon shower valve, £1,469, at The Watermark Collection.