

Small Bathroom Space-Saving Quick Guide

Walk your bathroom with this list before you draw, demo, or order anything. Check each box and note what applies to your space.

1. Layout first

- ☐ Map the door swing on the floor. Does it block a fixture or steal the main walk path?
- ☐ Consider a pocket, barn, or outward-swinging door if the room is under 45 sq ft.
- ☐ Look at a wall-hung toilet to open clear floor in front of the fixture.
- ☐ Consider a walk-in shower in place of a corner tub for open sightlines.

2. Storage that earns its space

- ☐ Choose a tall narrow cabinet over a low wide one where possible.
- ☐ Favor drawer banks under the sink over a single cabinet door.
- ☐ Plan a recessed medicine cabinet instead of a surface-mounted one.
- ☐ Build a recessed niche into the shower wall during construction, not after.

3. Light and finish

- ☐ Spec one large mirror over the vanity rather than a small framed one.
- ☐ Favor large-format tile with fewer grout lines for the main floor and walls.
- ☐ Plan layered lighting: ceiling, mirror task light, and a bit of accent light.
- ☐ Consider a frameless glass shower enclosure over a curtain or heavy frame.

4. Before you touch plumbing or ventilation

- ☐ Confirm any plumbing relocation with a licensed plumber before finalizing the layout.
- ☐ Check with your local building department on permit requirements for your scope of work.
- ☐ Have your contractor or electrician confirm bath fan sizing for the new layout.
- ☐ Get the final plan signed off by your designer or contractor before ordering fixtures.

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