Future-Proof Bathroom Planning Checklist

Questions to work through with your designer before your layout is final

Questions About How You'll Use This Bathroom

1. **Who uses this bathroom today, and who might in the next ten to fifteen years?**
   Be honest rather than planning for a worst case - this shapes the whole priority list.
2. **Would a family member ever need to stay with you for an extended period?**
   Worth factoring in even if it is not an immediate concern.
3. **Is this a bathroom you plan to keep using for a decade or more?**
   Future-proofing matters most in a bathroom you are not planning to redo again soon.

Layout and Clearance Questions for Your Designer

1. **Ask whether a curbless shower fits your existing plumbing and floor structure**
   Your designer can price it against a standard shower base for comparison.
2. **Ask about adding blocking behind future grab bar locations**
   Low cost now, expensive to retrofit later.
3. **Discuss door width and clear floor space in front of the vanity and toilet**
   Small layout shifts here rarely change the room's overall footprint.

Fixtures and Finishes Worth Discussing

1. **Ask about slip-resistant tile options that still match your style**
   Textured finishes now come in most looks, including polished stone and concrete.
2. **Consider lever-style handles over traditional knobs**
   Easier to use for everyone, not just as an accessibility feature.
3. **Ask whether a built-in shower bench fits your layout**
   Useful day to day, and a genuine seat if it is ever needed later.

Bring this list to your design meeting so future-proofing gets planned alongside the rest of your bathroom wish list, not bolted on afterward.

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