Windowless Bathroom Brightening Checklist

Questions to work through with our design team before your renovation starts

Lighting Layers to Discuss With Your Designer

1. **Ask whether your plan includes ambient, task, and accent lighting, not just one ceiling fixture**
   Layered light removes most of the shadow that makes a room feel dim.
2. **Confirm every fixture in the room will share a consistent colour temperature**
   Mixing warm and cool bulbs is a common mistake worth avoiding.
3. **Ask about vertical sconces at the mirror instead of a single strip above it**
   Even lighting at the mirror is one of the most noticeable upgrades.

Colour and Material Choices

1. **Consider a lighter wall and floor palette, even by a shade or two**
   Lighter surfaces give your fixtures more to bounce light off.
2. **Ask about a slight sheen on tile instead of a fully matte finish**
   A touch of reflectivity helps a windowless room noticeably.
3. **Consider a glossy or semi-gloss ceiling paint**
   An inexpensive change that reflects overhead light back into the room.

Ventilation and Air Quality Questions

1. **Confirm your mechanical exhaust plan with your contractor**
   A windowless bathroom depends entirely on mechanical ventilation, with no window as a backup.
2. **Ask a licensed electrician about GFCI protection for any fixture near water**
   Confirm your specific plan meets current Ontario electrical requirements.
3. **Read our separate article on bathroom ventilation before finalizing your plan**
   Covers the code and mechanical side in full detail.

Bring this list to your design meeting so lighting, finishes, and ventilation get planned together.

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