



Photo finish

Luxe materials lend a sophisticated edge to this family bathroom.

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BATHROOM *design notes*

WALLS Mercadier Decoration Microcement in Coco Milk, Mineral Fox.

FLOOR TILES Limestone pavers, Tiles By Kate.

FEATURE TILES Blue Moroccan Bejmat tiles, Tiles By Kate.

JOINERY Floating vanity in 2-pac polyurethane in Dulux Gossamer White, Delta Design.

HARDWARE Bevan brass handles, Passio Interiors.

BENCHTOP Carrara Classic engineered stone, Talostone.

TAPWARE Manhattan in Statue Bronze PVD, Brodware.

BASIN Arc concrete basin, Concrete Nation.

BATH Back-to-wall bathtub, Caroma.

MIRROR Custom design with bronze frame, PGS – Platinum Glass Specialist.

LIGHTING Bianco single sconce in Brass, Jimmy Raiden.

Injecting some bold personality into the main bathroom of their renovated home on Sydney's Northern Beaches was high on the wishlist for this family that includes two teenage sons. Their formerly 'humble' coastal cottage on a sloping block was transformed by architect Matthew Power of SketchArc, with interiors by sisters-in-law Leah and Fliss Pitman of Bone Made. While the owners wanted colour and character for the bathroom, they also requested a sophisticated, high-end feel, so all the material selections are premium - from microcement walls to limestone floors and brass fixtures. Custom cabinetry with a shaker profile, a reeded glass shower screen and an oval mirror keep the scheme light and fresh.

Bone Made, bonemade.com.au; SketchArc, sketcharc.com.au

How did you decide on the materials palette? We tossed up some potential wallpapers for behind the vanity before settling on a soft blue Moroccan Bejmat tile instead. To balance out the blue, we chose microcement for the remaining walls, limestone pavers for the floor, a simple refined white vanity and bronze tapware.

Were there any challenges along the way? We had to re-specify some finishes due to lead times and stock levels.

How long did the renovation take? Four to five months.

What do you love about the space? We love the cohesive blend of styles - the subdued palette of limestone floor tiles and microcement walls balances out the subtle boldness of the blue Bejmat feature tiles, bronze fixtures and shaker vanity. It has an elevated yet tranquil feel and is aligned with the coastal surrounds.