

romantic inspiration

A magazine photo inspired this romantic bathroom scheme.



Many people use magazines as inspiration for their decorating choices but Dorothy and Dennis Addison went one step further, virtually recreating a bathroom they saw in a magazine for their old Taranaki farmhouse.

They had already swapped the once small bathroom with the much larger mud room-style laundry before they started looking for ideas on how to redecorate their new bathroom space.

What appealed to them about the magazine photograph was the elegance of the room and the fact that the style would suit their old stucco house. "We needed to keep it in sympathy with the old farmhouse. We wanted it to be clean and airy but not ultra modern," says Dorothy.

They already had a clawfoot bath, which is the only fitting they reused. They had it resurfaced and the exterior painted in Resene Enamacryl waterborne enamel tinted to Resene Triple Masala.

The feature that really caught their eye was the Brocante 11 45932 wallpaper from Resene with its large stylised leaf pattern and subtle colouring. "It adds interest without being too in-your-face," says Dorothy. "The bathroom's not huge so we didn't want to put anything too bold in there. It's elegant. We fell in love with it."

The room had previously had tongue-and-groove panelling to dado height on some of the walls but in the process of replacing the old linings with a waterproof plaster board, that was removed and replaced with new tongue-and-groove, now painted in Resene Enamacryl tinted to Resene White.

Much thought went into the flooring, and whether or not to keep the existing rimu floorboards. In the end, Dorothy and Dennis decided they wouldn't suit the overall look so chose Lavange Anthracite tiles from Tile Warehouse.

A new pedestal basin and toilet carry through traditional styling with



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Above A set of shelves has been cleverly slotted into a gap left by an old doorway.

Left The large stylised leaf pattern and subtle colouring of this Brocante 11 (45932) wallpaper from Resene was the perfect solution to give a light and sophisticated yet classic look. Trims and ceiling are in Resene White.




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Chandelier: Lighting Plus

Resene White 

Tiles: Lavange Anthracite from Tile Warehouse

Wallpaper: Brocante 11 (45932)

Resene Half Chandelier 




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Handbasin and WC: Mico Bathrooms



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their fluted detailing and bevelled corners. A storage cupboard was cleverly fitted into the space left by an old doorway. To top it all off, a chandelier from Lighting Plus adds luxury and style (there's a smaller version in the guest toilet), while internal timber shutters not only enhance the look but also cover the cream aluminium windows that had been previously inserted into the house.

"We couldn't find curtains that would suit and a roller blind just wouldn't go so we felt the shutters added to the French style of the bathroom. And we couldn't rip out all of the aluminium windows so the best idea was to cover them up." H

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