



Sleek sensation

This award-winning bathroom uses a range of modern design techniques and products

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When it came to upgrading the bathroom in her glamorous city penthouse apartment, Raff Pisano aimed high.

After all, her apartment had undergone a spectacular renovation, earning a spread in a book: *50 of the World's Best Apartments*. So the new bathroom had to be a good one.

With advice from her architect and guidance from award-winning bathroom designers, Bubbles Bathrooms, Raff got busy.

Aiming for perfection in both form and function, she painstakingly researched the fittings, taking two months to find the right hand-held shower tapware.

But not everything took months; it was practically love at first sight when Raff spied the Victoria + Albert los bath that's now a central feature in the room.

The design created plenty of space in the new bathroom. The toilet cistern is hidden between studs inside the wall, while the addition of a sliding bathroom door helped reclaim even more space.

The doorless shower screen adds to the sense of spaciousness, as does the floating effect of the fittings. The toilet bowl and vanity are secured to the wall, not the floor, creating space beneath them.

The resulting bathroom is a modern, minimalist room of generous proportions, perfect for such a glamorous apartment.

And it's also received accolades: the Kitchen and Bathroom Designers Institute of Australia awarded Bubbles Bathrooms its KBDi Designer Award for large bathrooms in Victoria/Tasmania for 2011.

The bathroom also won the renovated bathroom project over \$40,000 category at the 2011 Housing Industry Association CSR Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards. 🏠



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1 The moment she saw these black and silver patterned Grespania Toile tiles at Mondial Tiles, in Coburg North, Raff knew she had to have them. They work as a dramatic feature panel, which is reflected in the vanity mirror on the opposite wall.



2 With the same tiles as the feature wall, the stunning shower cavity is lit with LED strip lights to create a beautiful, almost theatrical effect. This niche was designed to match the width of the feature panel, creating symmetry and balance in the bathroom.



3 Raff chose Avenir Solo heated towel rails because she loved the minimalist look of no vertical bars holding the four rails in place. They keep towels neat and toasty-warm, while giving a modern, floating effect, in line with the overall look.