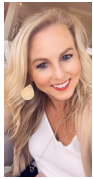


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HOW TO CREATE A LUXURY BATH

According to Kitchen and Bath Business, homeowners have higher expectations for their bathrooms than ever before. They want a luxurious, spa-like space like the wealthiest mansion-dwellers enjoy.

So, what are the secrets to achieving a luxurious bath? Consider the following:

Space: Getting ready for the day or night out is done in one large room, with adjoining closets and separate sectors for bathing, grooming and dressing.

Privacy: A master bath should be inaccessible to any other rooms besides the master bedroom. Separate "his and her" water closets, along with separate dressing areas, help keep the marital romance alive.

Serenity: You'll find most luxury baths in Houzz.com or Pinterest.com, feature soothing colors, like gentle shades of water.

Task lighting: The lighting in luxury baths is designed to enhance the task at hand like shaving, and to flatter skin tones.

Quality: Wealthy people choose designs that stand the test of time including high-quality metal fixtures, solid core-doors, and fine wood, stone, and tile.

Remodeling isn't always practical, but even using one idea will help you enjoy your bath more. Meanwhile, light some candles and dim the lights for a long soak in the tub. You'll feel like a million.

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YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU MEASURED FIRST

How far from dining room tables should chandeliers hang? What's the standard height for kitchen countertops? You'll have to measure, so that your selections work for your family's needs and are in proportion to everything else in the room.

Chandeliers -The Spruce says to add the dimensions of the room in feet and then convert the answer to inches. A room that measures 10 x 14' can handle a chandelier 24" in diameter. Wolberg.com suggests hanging a chandelier approximately 30 to 34 inches over the dining room table with an eight-foot ceiling height. If your ceiling is taller, add three inches for each foot of ceiling.

Shower heads - Hunker.com advises that shower heads should be approximately 80 inches above the floor. Extend or shorten the neck for taller or shorter users.

Kitchen countertops - Thoughtco.com says that the accepted standard is about 36 inches from the cabinet top to the floor for consumers of average height (5'3" to 5'8"). Taller families should raise workspaces to about 42 inches. BobVila.com recommends countertops between 28 to 34 inches for those with disabilities.

Take time to measure for more pleasing results in your decorating and remodeling. Your family and friends will thank you.

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