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## REINFORCING PRIVACY THROUGH CUSTOMISATION

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Over the years the bath has evolved from being a neglected, poorly designed space to one that is well-segmented. The bath provides the ultimate cocoon for intimate thinking, decision-making, and rejuvenation. There is a need to ensure that baths reflect the personalities of their users. Here's how to give them custom-appeal.

>> Indians live in close-knit families and most of the time, their homes cater to as many as three generations; the needs and aspirations of each generation are different. Therefore, each bathroom needs to suit the personality

### POWER OF A SHOWER

A shower enclosure adds another layer of privacy in this Karol Bagh home designed by Group DCA

of the user—this includes strategies like providing playfully-engaging elements in children's bathrooms, while incorporating curated art in bath spaces for adults. The integration of such individual motifs and quirks help users relate to these spaces better.

>> Bathrooms work best with decor

# HOME BATHROOM DESIGNS



## TWICE AS NICE

His and her vanities are ideal for a couple (left), pendants light up awkward corners in small baths (below). both spaces designed by Group DCA



that is soft, earthy and grounded. Highly polished or reflective finishes. Design should consist of starkly segmented yet complementary dry and wet zones, a mirror (preferably large) on one of the walls, apt storage and striking furniture.

>> Opt for bathing cubicles that deliver an extra layer of privacy when taking a shower. While providing privacy is the over arching concern, it is imperative to place them where they will have access to abundant natural light and air. The tricky part is to retain a sense of safety and enclosure.

>> Customisation does not mean you shy away from a sustainable approach. Keep a look out for old, usable products and refurbish them for use in bathrooms.

>> The future holds promise for bathroom spaces as conventional perspectives are changing rapidly and people are open to experimentation. The notion of privacy is also changing, and automation is increasingly being integrated into sanitation fixtures to ease functionality. These developments might just alter the structure and function of bathrooms in the times to come.



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