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FREE CHECKLIST

10-STEP SMALL BATHROOM PLANNING CHECKLIST

Avoid expensive renovation mistakes before installation begins with this simple, step-by-step preparation guide.

- ☐ **Step 1: Set a Realistic Budget & Contingency Fund**
Establish a total budget reserve including a 10–15% contingency for hidden pipework or structural repairs behind existing walls.
- ☐ **Step 2: Accurate Laser Measurements & Clearances**
Measure length, width, ceiling height, door swing, and window locations. Confirm a minimum 21" clearance in front of WC and basin.
- ☐ **Step 3: Compact & Wall-Hung Fixture Selection**
Opt for short-projection toilets (<620mm) and wall-hung vanity units to increase visible floor area and open up room space.
- ☐ **Step 4: Exploit Wall Cavities for Recessed Storage**
Identify stud walls to build in flush shower niches and recessed mirrored cabinets, avoiding protruding bulky furniture.
- ☐ **Step 5: Plumbing & Soil Pipe Alignment Assessment**
Confirm existing soil pipe locations and water pressure (bar rating). Rerouting waste lines adds significant cost—plan layout accordingly.
- ☐ **Step 6: High-Efficiency Ventilation & Condensation Control**
Specify a high-extraction inline fan and timer to prevent moisture buildup, dampness, and mould in compact, steamy spaces.
- ☐ **Step 7: Electrical Safety & IP Zone Lighting Compliance**
Plan IP-rated LED downlights, demister mirror wiring, and shaver sockets adhering strictly to UK Part P building safety regulations.
- ☐ **Step 8: Complete Tanking & Waterproofing System**
Apply a complete waterproof tanking kit (liquid membrane + joint tape) across all shower walls and wet areas prior to tile installation.
- ☐ **Step 9: Tile Sizing & Optical Space Expansion**
Select large-format light tiles with minimal grout lines or vertical stack bonds to draw the eye upwards and make small rooms feel larger.
- ☐ **Step 10: Pre-Order Delivery Inspection & Sign-Off**
Unpack and inspect all sanitaryware and glass screens 48 hours prior to start date. Verify tile batch numbers before installers arrive.

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