



FREE PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

15 THINGS TO PLAN BEFORE YOUR SMALL BATHROOM RENOVATION

Avoid common planning mistakes and make smarter decisions before your renovation begins with this printable step-by-step checklist.

1. BUDGETING & PROJECT SCOPE

- ☐ **1. Set a Realistic Budget + 15% Contingency:** Establish itemised material and labor costs, reserving 15% for unseen pipework or timber repairs behind walls.
- ☐ **2. Define Professional Trades vs. DIY Scope:** Hire certified professionals for plumbing, tiling, and electrics to ensure structural integrity and code compliance.
- ☐ **3. Plan Installation Timeline & Temporary Facilities:** Schedule 7–10 working days for full renovation and arrange temporary washing/toilet arrangements during utility isolation.

2. SPATIAL LAYOUT & FIXTURE SELECTION

- ☐ **4. Verify Accurate Room & Door Swing Dimensions:** Measure precise laser dimensions, checking window offsets and door swing arcs to avoid fixture collisions.
- ☐ **5. Enforce Standard Fixture Clearances:** Ensure a minimum 21" (530mm) clearance in front of the toilet and basin, plus a 30"x30" (760x760mm) shower zone.
- ☐ **6. Choose Wall-Hung & Short-Projection Fixtures:** Select short-projection WCs (<620mm) and wall-hung vanities to maximize visible floor tile area and open up the room.

3. PLUMBING, WASTE & WATERPROOFING

- ☐ **7. Audit Soil Pipe Location & Drain Fall Gradient:** Keep toilets near the main soil stack to avoid expensive waste re-routing and ensure a minimum 1:40 waste pipe fall.
- ☐ **8. Test Water Pressure (Bar) & Flow Rates:** Confirm house water pressure to select compatible thermostatic shower valves and high-flow floor-standing mixer taps.
- ☐ **9. Plan 100% Vapour Waterproof Tanking Membrane:** Specify a complete liquid tanking kit across all shower walls and substrate floors before any tile installation begins.

4. VENTILATION, ELECTRICS & HEATING

- ☐ **10. Select High-Extraction Inline Extractor Fan:** Install a quiet, timer-controlled inline extraction fan to rapidly exhaust steam, preventing dampness and mould.
- ☐ **11. Plan IP-Zone Lighting & UK Part P Compliance:** Specify IP65-rated LED downlights above shower zones and ensure certified electrician Part P registration sign-off.
- ☐ **12. Integrate Underfloor Heating & Towel Warmers:** Combine programmable electric underfloor heating mats with vertical towel ladder rails for optimal thermal comfort.

5. STORAGE, MATERIALS & PRE-START CHECKS

- ☐ **13. Exploit Wall Cavities for Recessed Storage Niches:** Build flush shower tile niches and recessed mirrored medicine cabinets inside stud walls to eliminate floor clutter.
- ☐ **14. Verify Tile Batch Numbers & 15% Wastage Overage:** Confirm identical shade and batch codes on all tile boxes, ordering a 15% surplus allowance for cuts and tile pattern matching.
- ☐ **15. Inspect Delivered Materials 48h Before Start:** Unpack and verify all sanitaryware, glass screens, and valves for hairline cracks or missing parts prior to trades arriving.

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