

Marble marvel
Rosetta marble **tiles**.
\$33 per sheet (24.8cm
x 28cm), Perini.

Straight up
Brunswick Kit Kat **tiles** in
Matte White, \$6 per sheet
(29.6cm x 30cm), Tile Cloud.

Seeing green
Ice **mosaic tiles** in
colour 85766, \$104.10
a sq m, Academy Tiles.

STYLE IT

bathroom hardware


No time or budget for a bathroom reno? No worries! Update towel rails, loo-roll holders and taps for a fraction of the cost

Choose the right metal What look do you want to go for? Black is on trend right now, but if you have a more traditional bathroom, consider aged-bronze instead. Similarly, nickel has a classic feel, while rose gold and copper are contemporary. Polished chrome and brass can go either way. And can you mix metals? Absolutely! Just limit it to two and contrast the finish – for example, polished chrome taps with matte black towel rails, grate and hooks.

Resolve your style It's important to keep the look cohesive – stick to one style or shape. If your taps are angular, choose a squared design for the shower, towel rails, toilet-roll holder etc. Alternatively you can match circular with curved. Also, if you choose a traditional style, make sure you're consistent throughout the bathroom – to incorporate a slick modern tap, for example, would be jarring.

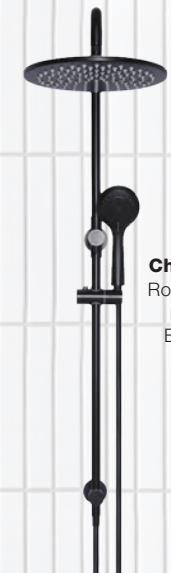
Measure up Most products will have their specifications (details including measurements and installation guides) online, so check the length, width and depth of items such as towel rails and shelves to make sure they'll fit. Also check the measurements where the fixtures will be so you can choose a product that lines up with the holes left by your old hardware.

DIY If you're handy, it's easy to replace items like towel rails, shower heads, toilet-roll holders, shelves and hooks by yourself. There are plenty of step-by-step guides online, and the tools you'll need include a measuring tape, electric drill, Allen key, spirit level and some wall plugs to make sure the fixtures are secure.

Call in the experts When it comes to replacing taps and water outlets for showers and baths, you'll need to call in a plumber. They can cost anywhere from \$45 to \$200 an hour. 

3 updates to try

On tap
Mabel round marble
and brass **taps**, \$700,
Wood Melbourne.



Chasing waterfalls
Round 2-in-1 **shower
rail set** in Matte
Black, \$899, Meir.



Off the rack
Mizu Drift **towel
rack** in Brushed Gold,
\$308, Reece.

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style tip Mix metals to make one the hero, such as the feature copper tap and vanity base with the receding matte white sink trap pictured here