



# TEAK UNIVERSITY

*A.R.B. Teak* lives and breathes Indonesian teak furniture. It's because of this passion that we're committed to sharing our wisdom and knowledge so that you too can become a teak expert.

We truly believe the more you learn about teak, the more you will not only come to see it as the only solution for bath and spa furniture, but also come to fall in love with it – like we have!

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For those looking for a space-saving option in the shower, a wall-folding shower bench might, at first glance, look like a good solution. Compact and bending out of the way, folding shower benches seem to marry both the need for sitting in the shower, as well as keeping the stall relatively clutter-free.

But wait a minute! Before considering and moving ahead with a wall-folding model, it's important to consider the impact on the client and bathroom project as a whole.



## **Safety**

Shower seats are only as strong as the mounting hardware chosen and the wall on which they are mounted. The wall holding the bench must be reinforced, bringing the cost of the project hundreds, if not thousands more than a stand alone.

When the renovation is complete, it is vital to ensure the finish has been completely sealed. Otherwise water will leak into the wall through the hardware and cause a major mold problem in the near future.



## True cost

A layer of complexity is added if clients are considering *adding* a folding shower bench to their existing shower.

The cost of hiring a carpenter, handyman or tradesman for framing, drilling and ceramic tile installation must be factored in, remembering it will be necessary to remove and replace a portion of the existing shower wall, including the tile.



## Is the space saved worth it

Although it's true that folding benches can be installed to save space, is important to consider the space in the corner of a shower is actually 'dead space' — no one stands

there. Why not use it for a corner shower bench, instead of knocking your thighs on it when not in use.

Although not foldable, corner shower benches don't commit you to permanent holes and hardware in your shower tiles or surround, and is entirely removable if need be.



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## Final thoughts

Other factors to consider include:

- Does the water stack reach where the bench will be placed?
- How much time do you really want to spend cleaning around all those fixtures?
- How long will you be happy for?



After analyzing all the factors involved in folding shower benches it's easy to see that a stand-alone teak shower bench comes out ahead. It's a decision customer won't soon come to regret. And that's nice to know because happy customers are what it's all about!

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