

Don't Forget About the Kid's Bathroom

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When you start dreaming of your home renovations, your mind automatically goes to the ensuite bathroom. It will walk through to an elegant walk-in closet, have a large steam shower, and designer standalone tub. A towel warmer to keep your plush towels ready for you, built in speakers to play spa music as you relax in the bath, and beautiful marble tile throughout. Isn't it lovely? Aren't you excited just thinking about it?



Unfortunately, your renovation isn't just about you. There are probably a few more bathrooms you need to consider. The most important of which - the dreaded kid's bathroom! When planning and designing the other bathrooms in your house, there are some important things to think about, that you may not have considered yet. Here is a handy list to make sure you have thought about everything:

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- **Cleanliness** - Getting your kids to clean the bathroom, let alone clean it well, is a big enough hassle. When choosing the design and finishes, choose something that is easy to clean. If you go with tile, large tiles have less grout that you need to worry about. Is there a small ledge above the backsplash or under the cabinets that will never get wiped down? Will there be easy access to all sides of the toilet and shower if one of the kids ever decides to clean it?
- **Storage** - One way to avoid fights is for everyone to have their own designated space. A large cabinet where each sibling has their own shelf will help with that. Designated hooks for towels will, too. We can't promise they won't find other reasons to bicker, but we can help come up with a plan to make it harder for them to find reasons to do so.



- **Age of the Family** - consider what you need now and what you will need in the years to come. Young children need tubs, while teenagers prefer showers. Teenagers are also notorious for long, hot showers, so make sure you use energy efficient products and have a really good ventilation system.
- **Safety** - The easiest things to do to make your bathroom safer are make sure your floors aren't too slippery when wet, and make sure there is enough room so that people aren't crowded and bumping into everything and each other when they are in a hurry. Also consider how easy it is to get in and out of the shower, the plugins are well placed,

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there is good lighting in all areas, and there aren't any sharp hooks or awkward handles your growing kids will hit their heads on.

- **Layout** - At Ultimate, we are fans of the big bathroom for the kids. If you go to our showhome, you will see that we can get 4 people in the bathroom. And all have space and privacy. If you add his & her sinks in a bathroom with two separate smaller rooms with closable doors for the water closet and tub/shower, multiple people can use the bathroom at once.



- **Guest Bathroom** - No matter how many times you ask, your children's bathroom is never going to be up to your standards. And even if it is, you know better than anyone that your kids only need five minutes to make a room look like a tornado went through it. You'll definite pat yourself on the back for adding at least a powder room to the floor that hosts your children's bathroom. And your guests will probably thank you too.

Make sure you give us a call at the beginning of your renovation process. We have years of experience in bathrooms (and the rest of the house, too). Let us think of the boring stuff while you go back to daydreaming about that amazing ensuite you will soon have.

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