

BUILDING RULES

Optimise your bathroom space

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The bathroom is one of the most-visited rooms in the house that gets particular attention to make it clean. Many people are also putting a lot more thought in how it looks.

According to Paul Bogere, a plumber, one of the first points to consider when choosing material for the bathroom is to think non-slippery, strong and water resistant tiles.

Bogere adds that one should also consider the size. Do you want a wide bathroom? Is it a narrow space? The tiles you choose should be proportional to the size of space to be taken up by the bathroom.

If you want to create the illusion of a spacious room, Bogere advises to use small tiles in a light colour.

Abdu-Wahab Nyanzi, an architect, says it is important when constructing a bathroom to first soak the tiles in water to remove any air in them.

"If they are not soaked, they can absorb moisture from the ground and will not stick to the floor. If you do not do this, you will have hollow tiles which will break from pressure being exerted on them.

"When you start to tile your bathroom, make sure you check the batch to avoid shade variations," Bogere advises.

Bogere also says that bedding mix is used when fixing tiles, but it must not contain less than three parts of sand to one part of cement by volume, to ensure firmness.



A modern bathroom with white tiles and glass. Buy accessories that will not cramp your bathroom

Toilets

Fred Lukoda, who is in the construction industry, says it is important to consider that your inlet and outlet water supply to the cistern is fixed right.

"A professional plumber must know that both the inlet and outflow connections are at the base of the cistern," says Lukoda.

Bogere says there is also the concealed cistern built into the walls behind the toilet, with the flush button onto the wall.

"A plumber should know that new cisterns use six litres per flush, but older ones were using 10 to 19 litres per flush," notes Bogere.

He also says that a client and plumber should be able to identify different parts needed for the flushing system to work well; it is important, in that case, to find a toilet that will not cost an arm and a leg if anything needs to be fixed.

Ventilation

Lukoda says there must be adequate ventilation to supply fresh air into the bathroom.

Cleaning the walls and ceiling

If you have mold on your ceiling, spray a water-based bleach onto it. Let it rest for a couple of minutes. Do the same with the walls. After some minutes, start scrubbing; the dirt off.

Accessorising 1

Everyone would love to have a comfortable, but is also beautiful quality and affordable price

● **Know your budget:** Allow you to choose what also be within the bracket not like to splurge too much and get bathroom accessories at affordable price

● **Know what you need:** what you want. Only buy what you need

● **Do not be brand conscious:** popular, it is the best but the best quality. Also consider about to buy. Make sure you get the best quality

● **Look for affordable price:** misconception of buying is better. That is wrong that are cheaper and details and prices to get

● **Consider the space:** would eat up a lot of space not purchase items that it is the function

● **Prioritise necessities:** first, before buying accessories include

● **The look:** Make complement your and tub that are suitable that would go along with goose neck faucet* get porcelain-bra

● **Choose light fixtures:** part of the accessories for your bathroom. You have a choice of lighting

● **Other bathroom necessities:** necessary ones include dishes, toothbrush holder, careful not to clutter

