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DREAM BATHROOM

DELICATE TOUCHES OF GREEN ADD A DECORATIVE
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THE PROPERTY A listed Arts and Crafts house in Surrey.

DESIGN BRIEF Part of the renovation of the entire house, which belongs to a Scandinavian couple and their young family, this bathroom is one of two that form part of the master bedroom suite. This is the lady's bathroom and dressing room, which she wanted to be classic and feminine in feel, with a luxurious bath and plenty of wardrobe storage.

DIMENSIONS 5x4.5m

LAYOUT

The one window- and door-free wall in the room was used for a run of capacious wardrobes, designed to provide ample storage for clothes and shoes. As the house is listed, plumbing changes were limited. 'It made sense to follow the layout of the previous bathroom with the bath in the centre of the room, to benefit from the wonderful views of the garden and hills beyond,' explains interior designer Kate Earle. The old cramped corner vanity unit was replaced by a larger piece, positioned out of the corner to create a more spacious feel. The WC remains in the same position, but is more discreet with its cistern concealed behind a panel below the window.

SURFACES

Luxurious Calacatta Oro honed marble was chosen for the flooring, wall cladding behind the WC and vanity top. 'The classic white and grey stone has a beautiful, slightly green tone running through its veining,'

says Kate. To pick up on this green colouring and that of the garden seen beyond the window, the walls are papered in Soane Britain's Scrolling Fern Silhouette design. 'We used a decorative wallpaper so that the room didn't look stark, important in such a large space,' says Kate. Raised and fielded panels accentuate the traditional design of the wardrobes, but the wire-brushed and washed paint finish, chosen to reveal the grain of the timber, adds a contemporary edge. Rock crystal handles are a pretty touch, while brass hinges tone with the brass finishes used elsewhere in the room and add a sense of warmth.

FITTINGS

'We chose traditional-style fittings in keeping with the architecture of the house,' explains Kate. The generously sized bath suits the grand scale of the room, as does the large vanity unit, which also provides plenty of storage space, a laundry basket and sockets for an electric toothbrush and hairdryer. The brassware is classic, but it has been given an up-to-date twist with a brass finish.

STYLING

The large Daisy pendant light was chosen to suit the proportions and add a decorative flourish, just like the pretty wall mirror and storm lights. 'We also added as many soft things as possible, such as the sheepskin chair and a rug by the wardrobes, so that the room feels comfortable and warm,' says Kate. ■

WHERE TO BUY

FITTINGS

Paris **bath**, £6,738; Paris **WC** with concealed cistern, £546, both The Water Monopoly. Classic **bath/shower mixer** with standpipes in polished brass, from £2,186; Classic **basin mixer** in polished brass, £694, both Lefroy Brooks. Bespoke **vanity unit** and **joinery**, Halstock. Bespoke rock crystal **handles** by Paul Belvoir, Gordon Watson. Duravit Starck 3 undermounted **basin**, £193, CP Hart. **Towel rail** in bespoke brass finish, Bard & Brazier

SURFACES

Scrolling Fern Silhouette **wallpaper** in Emerald, £370 a roll; **blind** in Scrolling Fern Frond Silhouette linen lawn in Leaf Green, £180m, both Soane Britain. Calacatta Oro honed marble **vanity top, flooring** and **wall cladding**, cut and priced to order, Gerald Culliford

ACCESSORIES

Rattan Daisy hanging **light**, £6,400, Soane Britain. Agatha **mirror** in brass, £1,620, Balineum. Seaton Storm bathroom **wall lights**, £450 each, Vaughan. Arcander **armchair** in sheepskin, £5,072, Skandium. For a similar **stool**, try Benvy Rustic, £140, Rowen & Wren. Square Revistero **basket**, £69, The Conran Shop



The elegant wallpaper echoes the verdant landscape seen through the original sash window.