

Are you ready?

Proper planning helps turn your dream bath into a reality rather than a nightmare.

1. Is your budget realistic?

Bathroom remodeling projects don't have to be expensive. Keep in mind the location of your current drains and try to work around them. Consider a freestanding air bath from the Serenity or Serenity Studio Series; freestanding baths lower expenses for tile or granite and installation. If you purchase and bath or shower system requiring access panels, make sure all components are easily accessible. This will save you money down the road if repairs are needed.

2. Will the renovation add value to your home?

Permanent fixtures such as tile and surfaces should feature neutral colors because they appeal to a broad spectrum of home buyers. For an attractive "pop" of color, choose towels or artwork in one color family.

3. What permits do you need?

Cities and county requirements vary, and a local licensed and insured contractor can help you navigate local regulatory agencies. Ask your friends or the Better Business Bureau for references, and make sure this is a person you trust. You'll be spending a lot of time together in the upcoming weeks!

4. What timeline works with your schedule?

Get out your calendar and note all the vacations, work travel and events, guests staying in your home, school and holidays. Plan for a few weeks of construction (depending on the extent of the renovation), and make sure the project is feasible in the range of dates you are targeting. Don't jump into a construction project without a clear calendar for those weeks.



Serenity Studio 17 in Skylight Blue shown above

BASIC QUESTIONS

A bathroom remodel is exciting, but must be thoughtfully considered in advance of calling a designer and contractor. Start with these basic questions:

- 1) Are there any structural projects that must be completed first?
- 2) Are you prepared for demolition and construction inside your home?
- 3) How are you going to pay for this project?
- 4) Is your plan realistic for your space and budget?
- 5) What is the goal of remodeling your bath?
- 6) What do you truly desire or need rather than simply want?

5. Stick to a budget.

Set a budget and stick with it. Budget-stretching deals can be found online and in the discount retailers, and even on home shopping channels. Home style magazines have great do-it-yourself decorating ideas and are a fantastic source for design ideas.

AQUATIC

Real Luxury for Real Life®.

www.aquaticwhirlpools.com