

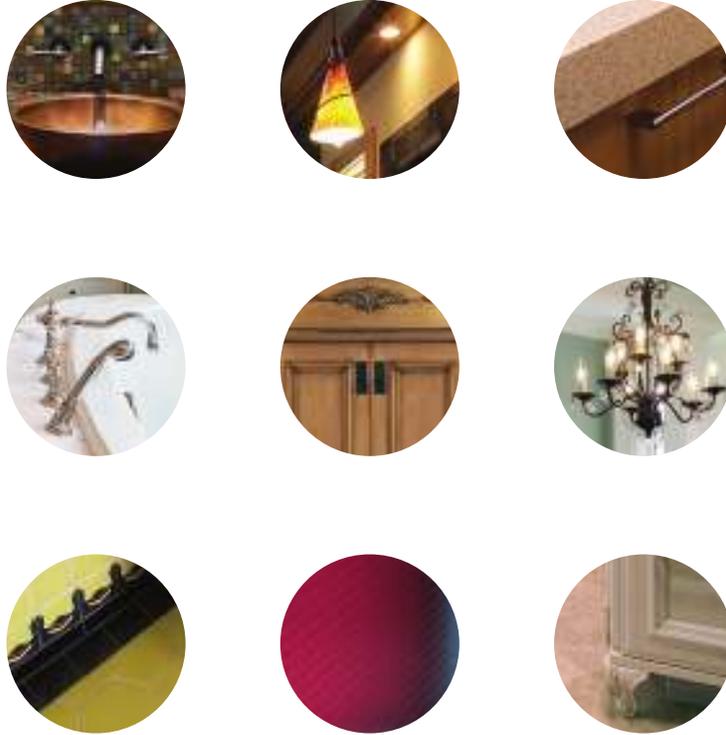


THE NKBA BATH PLANNER

Bringing your dream to reality

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Bringing your dream bath to life

Dear Homeowner,

Thank you for requesting your personal copy of the NKBA Bathroom Planner. Chances are you've been dreaming for a while about a new bath and imagining how it will add to the daily enjoyment of your home. Now it's time to take the ideas you've been collecting and turn them into reality.

Here is where the pros at the National Kitchen & Bath Association come in. Our planner will assist you every step of the way, clarifying the process and identifying the fun and exciting decisions you'll be making. We'll help you define the scope of your project, finalize a budget, select an NKBA professional to work with you, narrow down product choices and plan for the installation.

We're here to share our in-depth expertise with you as your special room evolves. Enjoy!

Your NKBA bath professionals

The National Kitchen & Bath Association is comprised of the finest professionals in the industry. Experienced, knowledgeable and ethical, the approximately 40,000 members throughout North America are dedicated to listening to your ideas and bringing them to life. As specialists in the highly complex kitchen field, NKBA members have the in-depth expertise to create spaces that are

as good looking as they are functional.

The NKBA is the oldest and largest kitchen and bath trade organization in the country, with members who concentrate on design as well as specialized product sales. All members adhere to the NKBA's comprehensive Standards of Conduct, assuring your confidence in their integrity and service.

To learn more, visit NKBA.org

To find a NKBA member, visit NKBA.org/ProSearch

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Eight steps to your new bath

While decorating shows on TV are fun and inspirational, the real life process of creating a new bath—whether it’s a master bath or powder room—takes longer and involves many more “behind the scenes” steps than first meets the eye. Here, the NKBA spells out the eight steps to achieving your dream. The next pages will tell you about each one in more detail.

1. Assess your needs

What are your main objectives? Your priorities will drive all further decisions on budget, style, products and more. So give this step some time and talk it through with your family.

Got questions? [NKBA.org/AskAPro](https://www.nkba.org/AskAPro)

2. Establish a budget range

Determine how much you can realistically invest in your new bath and how you plan to pay for it. Shop around to get an idea of product prices and remember that installation can be about 20 percent of the budget.

Learn more: [NKBA.org/Budgeting](https://www.nkba.org/Budgeting)

3. Find an NKBA professional

Interview several members to find someone who understands the scope of your project.

[NKBA.org/ProSearch](https://www.nkba.org/ProSearch)

4. Finalize room layout and design

Your NKBA professional may have several ideas on how you can best use your space, each with different budget implications. Make notes on how you use your space, where the current roadblocks are, and what you wish worked better.

[NKBA.org/Styles](https://www.nkba.org/Styles)



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5. Decide on a look

Define your style by collecting pictures, visiting showrooms and home shows, and making notes of individual elements you like.

NKBA.org/Gallery

6. Choose products

You'll have a seemingly endless list of product decisions to make. Your experienced NKBA professional can help you sort out what's truly the best for your needs.

Learn the terms: NKBA.org/Glossary

7. Plan for the installation

Consider who will be responsible for finding and supervising the electricians, plumbers, tile contractors, carpenters, cabinet installers and all the other trades involved with a new bath.

What to expect: NKBA.org/Remodeling

8. Kick back and enjoy, for years to come!

Keep all receipts, contracts, warranties and product information. Understand the proper care and maintenance of all new products, then relax and enjoy your dream come true.

SO HOW LONG WILL ALL THIS TAKE?

Longer than a TV episode, for sure!

The size and scope of your project will determine the timeframe, which could be anywhere from four to six weeks for simple improvements or changes, to six or eight months or more for a full-scale remodel.

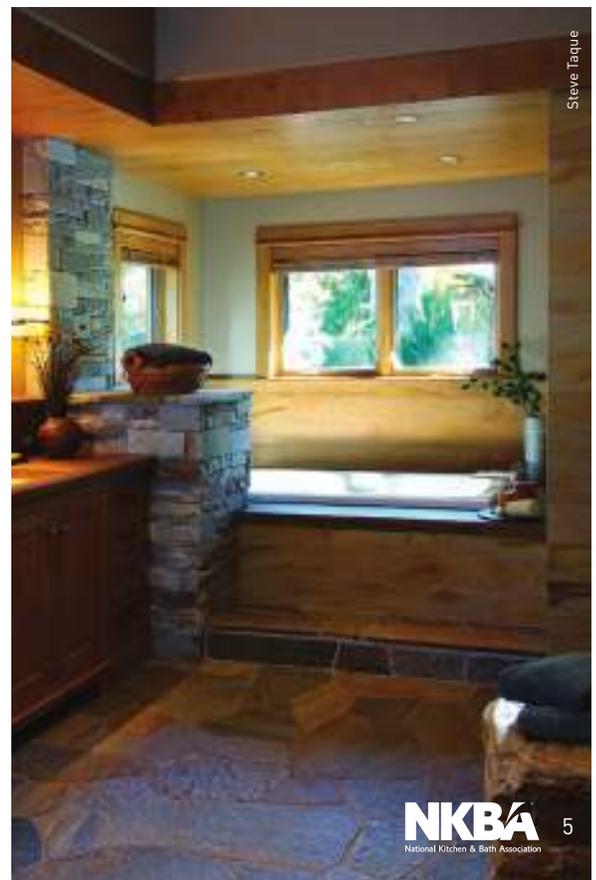
Be aware of delivery times

Timing also depends on product choices. Special plumbing fixtures can require weeks for delivery. The same is true of custom cabinets. Then there are some things that just have to wait their turn. Grout or sealants, for example, may have to dry before work can continue.

Sometimes, things happen

Unexpected delays can occur if structural deficiencies are found when walls or floors are opened up. Especially in a bath, there can be hidden water damage. It's best to tell your NKBA professional if you have a deadline for your new bath. They can give you a realistic time estimate based on the parameters of your specific project.

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What do you want to do?

Determining your priorities for a new bath—and sticking to them—will help you and your NKBA professional make the best decisions about budget, design, layout and products. Here's a questionnaire to get you started.

About your project

- Y N Are you remodeling?
- Y N If so, are you remodeling an existing full bath?
- Y N A powder room/half bath?
- Y N Are you thinking of expanding the existing bath?

Approximately how large is the bath now?
_____ ft. x _____ ft.

Or are you adding:

- Y N A full bath?
- Y N A powder room/half bath?

How old is your home?

How long are you planning to stay there?

- Y N Are you building a new home?
- If so, how many full baths are you planning? _____
- How many half baths or powder rooms? _____

About your family

Number and age of household members:

Do you anticipate:

- Y N New children arriving?
- Y N Children leaving home?
- Y N Adult children returning home?
- Y N Parent(s) coming to live with you?

Does anyone in your family have physical issues that should be considered (difficulty standing, walking, bending, poor eyesight, arthritis, etc.)?

Describe:

Who will be the primary users of this bath?

- Y N Adults
- Y N Children
- Y N Guests



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Your goals

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| Y | N | Update the look of the room |
| Y | N | Update the bath for resale of our home |
| Y | N | Add more space |
| Y | N | Create a master suite for relaxation |
| Y | N | Create a bath for the kids to use |
| Y | N | Create a good-looking guest bath |
| Y | N | Improve the function of the room |
| Y | N | Improve the storage |

Other:

Would you like to have

- | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Y | N | Whirlpool tub |
| Y | N | Large shower instead of a tub |
| Y | N | Steam shower |
| Y | N | Vanity with sit-down dressing table |
| Y | N | TV |
| Y | N | Laundry area |

Three things you want most in your new bath:

Three things you dislike most about your bath now:

Have you thought about...?

As you plan your new bath, you may have some special personal priorities. They could be environmental concerns, health and safety issues or longer-term family needs. Many of the health, safety and usability factors are addressed by the NKBA Bathroom Planning Guidelines with Access Standards. But no matter what your concerns, your NKBA professional will be able to address them.

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ECOLOGICALLY RESPONSIBLE...

NKBA members can help you select environmentally friendly, sustainable and attractive products for your new bath, and can also manage your project in an ecologically responsible manner. Here are some things to consider:

Can some materials from your old bath be recycled? Or donated? Or reused in a basement?

Will fixtures (toilets, faucets, showerheads) carry the EPA's WaterSense label? If so, they are 20 percent more water efficient than average products in that category.

Will the wood in your new vanity cabinets come from a sustainably managed forest? Sustainable wood products — products made from forests that grow quickly and are easily replenished — have become more popular. Examples of fast-growing species are bamboo, Lyptus, cane, and some maple.

Can you use recycled countertop materials? Flooring?

How energy-efficient will your new lighting be?

Is this a good time to change to new, more efficient windows?

If any walls are going to be opened, can you add more insulation?

Will new finishes and materials be low-VOC?

Articles, green terms and helpful links at [NKBA.org/Green](https://www.nkba.org/Green)

HEALTH FRIENDLY...

A thoughtfully designed bath can contribute to your family's health, safety and well-being. For example:

Proper ventilation removes humidity that can contribute to mold.

Water quality issues can be addressed with a variety of filter types.

Medications and cleaning products can be stored safely out of the reach of children.

If anyone in your home is highly sensitive and/or allergic, special cabinet finishes and materials can be specified to minimize problems.

Non-slip flooring can help prevent falls.

Proper use of GFCIs (ground-fault circuit interrupters) can prevent shocks.

Adequate lighting can increase safety.

Whirlpools and steam baths can foster relaxation and soothe sore muscles.

Aromatherapy and chromatherapy can offer health benefits.

Grab bars, which are now very attractive, can enhance safety for people of all ages.

USER FRIENDLY...

All kitchens should function beautifully for their users, but it's worthwhile to think about any long-term changes anticipated in your family.

Will the bath be used by someone who might prefer to dry their hair, apply makeup or perform other grooming tasks while seated?

Will it be used by anyone relying on a wheelchair, walker, cane or other device? If so, is space adequate for turning in a wheelchair? Is the shower designed without a threshold? Is there a seat in the shower? Are there properly installed and located grab bars (towel bars are not a substitute).

Is there enough lighting for someone with diminished eyesight?

Can the vanity be raised to a more back-friendly height?

Can drawers, rollouts and pullouts make items accessible without bending?

Are faucet handles easy to operate?

Are there thermostatic and/or pressure-balanced valves to prevent scalding?

Steps to a safe bath at [NKBA.org/SafeBath](https://www.nkba.org/SafeBath)



White, wood tones, colors?
Streamlined or decorative?
Traditional, casual, contemporary?

What's your look?

It all works today. We've assembled these all-star baths (winners of the NKBA Design Competition) to help you pinpoint your favorites. Do the same with your clippings file. Note what you love about the room: the color, the materials, a special detail or just the overall tone. The more specific you are, the more your NKBA professional can work with you to define your style.

See all the NKBA Design Competition winners online at NKBA.org/Gallery



1 — METAL AND STONE

Definitely me Not my style

What do you like about this bathroom?

What don't you like about this bathroom?



2 — WHITE AND WONDERFUL

Definitely me Not my style

What do you like about this bathroom?

What don't you like about this bathroom?



3 — RICH WOODS

Definitely me Not my style

What do you like about this bathroom?

What don't you like about this bathroom?



4 — CRISP AND CLEAN

Definitely me Not my style

What do you like about this bathroom?

What don't you like about this bathroom?



5 — BEAUTIFULLY DETAILED

Definitely me Not my style

What do you like about this bathroom?

What don't you like about this bathroom?



6 — RUSTIC TEXTURES

Definitely me Not my style

What do you like about this bathroom?

What don't you like about this bathroom?

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Setting your budget range

What does a bathroom cost? You ultimately decide by the scope of your project, the products you select and the services you'd like. (Of course, labor rates in your area have some bearing on it too.)

On a cost-per-square-foot basis, a bath can be one of the most expensive rooms to remodel. That's due in part to the complexities of plumbing and to the need for multiple contractors to work sequentially in a small space.

However, with a wide variety of quality products available, there's a bath for almost any budget, ranging from the very attractive to the super deluxe.

To share a few examples: a master suite with all the amenities and luxurious materials in a major metro area could reach \$100,000. However, a lovely yet modest makeover in a smaller town might be achieved for less than \$10,000.

The NKBA's handy chart below explains how that breaks down by products and services.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR SETTING YOUR BUDGET

- Keep your priorities front and center. A designer faucet for several thousand dollars or one that's about \$100? A \$100 sink or one that's \$3,500? A \$4 polished brass knob or a \$98 crystal model? What's important to you?
- Cabinetry and hardware typically account for about 16% of your investment, and fixtures are about 15%.
- Remember that installation generally runs approximately 20% of the budget.

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CAN YOU SHOW ME RECENT JOBS THAT YOU'VE DONE?

CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE PROCESS OF HOW YOU WORK?

DO YOU TYPICALLY WORK IN THE BUDGET RANGE I HAVE IN MIND?

HOW DO YOU CHARGE?

HOW MANY DESIGNS MIGHT I SEE? DO I WORK WITH YOU DIRECTLY OR WITH A TEAM?

HOW WILL YOU HELP ME VISUALIZE MY NEW SPACE? COMPUTER DRAWINGS? PERSPECTIVES? ELEVATIONS?

WHICH PRODUCTS WILL YOU SUPPLY? WHICH PRODUCTS WILL I BE RESPONSIBLE FOR?

DO YOU MOVE WALLS? MOVE/ADD WINDOWS OR DOORS. DO ADDITIONS OR BUMP-OUTS?

WHAT GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES DO YOU OFFER ON WORKMANSHIP AND PRODUCTS?

HOW DO YOU HANDLE INSTALLATION?

MAY I SEE YOUR LICENSE, INSURANCE AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS?

IF I HAVE AN ARCHITECT, INTERIOR DESIGNER OR BUILDER ALREADY ENGAGED, CAN YOU WORK WITH THEM?

HOW LONG DO YOU THINK MY PROJECT WILL TAKE?

ARE THERE PAST CUSTOMERS I CAN CONTACT FOR REFERENCES?

WHAT DO THE INITIALS MEAN?

The NKBA's various levels of certification let you know an individual's skills have been independently evaluated and tested. That means you can have extra confidence in working with certified professionals who have proven, verified knowledge and experience. The requirements for the NKBA's professional design certifications are:

AKBD (*Associate Kitchen & Bath Designer*)

- at least 2 years of industry experience
- minimum 2 years of formal design education or 30 hours of NKBA professional development programming
- passed a comprehensive academic exam

CBD (*Certified Bathroom Designer*) or **CKD** (*Certified Kitchen Designer*)

- minimum of 7 years kitchen/bath design experience
- minimum of 4 years of formal design education or 60 hours of NKBA professional development programming
- passed a rigorous 2-part exam on academic knowledge and practical skills

CMKBD (*Certified Master Kitchen & Bath Designer*)

- more than 17 years of industry experience
- has both CBD and CKD certifications
- minimum of 100 hours of NKBA professional development programming or equivalent formal design education

Learn more at NKBA.org/CertifiedDesigners



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Finalizing your choices

Here's a handy checklist of everything you may want to consider for your new bathroom. Don't worry, your NKBA professional will help weigh the pros and cons of each for your lifestyle.

MORE RESOURCES:

Tips & How-To Articles: NKBA.org/Tips
Glossary: NKBA.org/Glossary



TUB

- Separate tub
- Tub/shower combination
- Size and shape
- One-person? Two-person?
- Acrylic, fiberglass, steel, cast iron, solid surface, cultured marble (cast polymer)
- Jetted tub (whirlpool jets, air jets)
- Chromatherapy
- Recessed with one finished side (apron)
- Freestanding (claw foot)
- Platform/deck (wood, tile, stone, other material, undermount tub, top mount tub)
- Combination tub/shower
- One-piece molded unit
- Attached sliding door
- No fixed door (shower curtain)
- Grab bars



TUB FAUCETS

- Mounting (floor, deck, wall)
- Hand shower
- Finish
- Single handle
- Double handle
- Thermostatic
- Pressure balanced
- Shower diverter

SHOWER

- Separate or shower/tub combination
- One- or two-person
- One-piece molded
- Pan with separate wall material
- Custom-built
- Tile, acrylic, solid surface, fiberglass, cultured marble (cast polymer)
- Door: glass, acrylic, other
- Steam shower



SHOWER SEAT

- Shower seat
- Built-in niches for soap, shampoo, etc.
- No threshold
- Grab bars

SHOWER HEAD

- Adjustable sprays
- Body sprays
- Hand shower

SHOWER CONTROLS

- Single handle
- Double handle
- Thermostatic
- Pressure balanced
- Tub diverter

SINKS/LAVATORIES

- One or two sinks
- Undermount, integral, self rimming, vessel style, pedestal
- Porcelain, solid surface, cultured marble, quartz, copper, other metal, glass



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SINK FAUCETS

- Single- or double-handle
- Finish: chrome, nickel, brass, other decorative

VANITIES AND OTHER CABINETRY

- Door material (wood, laminate)
- Hardware (knobs, pulls)
- Comfort height
- Drawers
- Sitting area
- Interior storage aids (pull outs, roll outs, trash cans, clothes hamper, etc.)
- Toilet topper cabinet
- Linen cabinet



VANITY TOPS

- Ceramic tile
- Quartz and solid surface
- Cultured marble (cast polymer)
- Granite
- Marble
- Laminate
- Edge treatments

MEDICINE CABINET

- Wood or metal
- Recessed or surface mounted
- Single, double or triple mirror
- With TV
- Refrigerated



TOILETS

- One piece or two piece
- Elongated
- Comfort height
- Separate compartment
- Bidet
- Grab bars

VENTILATION

- With light
- With heat
- Extra quiet
- Humidity sensor

FLOORING

- Tile
- Vinyl
- Stone
- Laminate
- Wood
- Radiant heat



LIGHTING

- Ambient
- Grooming, around mirror
- Toilet area
- In tub or shower
- Fluorescent, incandescent, LED, xenon, halogen

ACCESSORIES

- Towel bars or rings
- Magnifying makeup mirrors
- Toilet paper holders
- Soap and lotion dispensers
- Tissue boxes
- Robe hooks
- Soap dishes
- Toothbrush and tumbler holders



OTHER AMENITIES

- TV
- Towel warmers
- Music

LAUNDRY

- Washer, dryer
- Stacked
- Front or top loading

How will it come together?

While it may not be fun having your bathroom torn out and your household disrupted, proper planning can alleviate some of the stress. Get a jump start with our checklists here.

1 — THINK ABOUT...

- Where will products go before installation? In the garage? On a porch? Living room or dining room?
- How will they be delivered? Through the front or back door? Down a hallway? Up or down stairs? Through a bedroom?
- How will your old bath be removed?
- Where will you put a dumpster if needed?
- What hours will the crew be in your home?
- Who do you talk to if you believe there's a problem? The crew or someone else?
- What is the procedure for change orders? Who do you contact?

2 — REMEMBER TO...

- Ask for a written schedule
- State your preferences about music, smoking and eating on the premises
- Keep pets and children out of the work area
- Close off the rest of the house as much as possible
- Remove artwork on walls adjoining the bath, since hammering can jar them
- Communicate in advance with neighbors so they know what to expect
- Be accessible... let the crew or general contractor know how to reach you

3 — KEEP ON SCHEDULE BY...

- Have products you supply on hand before work begins (remember there can be long lead times)
- Don't substitute a product without telling your designer (even small changes can have a big impact)
- Keep change orders to a minimum

DO IT YOURSELF? YES, NO OR MAYBE?

The success of your bath depends on the quality of the installation and attention to fine details. In inexperienced hands, vanity doors and drawers may not align properly, tile may not lay out attractively, different materials may meet in awkward ways, and the overall look can be a disappointment.

If you're thinking of doing it yourself, realistically consider your skills and time available. Are you generally handy? Do you have the right tools? Have you tackled a project like this before? Do you have any help? Do you like doing projects like this? Would you be better off handling some tasks like painting, wallpapering or installing a sink or floor, versus doing the whole job?

There are NKBA members who can work with DIYers to create a plan and supply fixtures, fittings, vanities and other materials.

MORE RESOURCES:

Understanding the Remodeling Process
NKBA.org/Tips





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