



"My aim was to design a space that was multifunctional and easy to navigate," says architect Jean-Henri Morin of Atelier One. "I wanted it to be simple, open and light."

\$26,000 BUDGET



1 and 2 Chrome fittings, such as the toilet roll holder and basin mixers, would be chosen for their clean, modern appeal. **3** For visual interest, green glass mosaic tiles would be used as a border along the top of the tiled wall area. **4** Large floor tiles in limestone lend the room an earthy quality. **5** Bordering the limestone floor tiles are smaller charcoal tiles. (For details, see Materials Used.)



For Jean-Henri Morin of Atelier One, the budget dictated the structural aspects of the design. "More money would enable greater changes, but to keep costs down I avoided touching the walls and window," explains Jean-Henri. However, he would have to make some minor structural changes in closing up the doorway into the hall and removing the fireplace to create access from the master bedroom.

LAYOUT

The challenge then was to organise the bathing, dressing and grooming functions in an interesting and effective way within the limited space. Keen to avoid cutting the room in half, Jean-Henri decided on an open-plan design with defined spaces.

Central to the design would be a free-standing mirrored wall, which would face the entry, with the toilet and shower positioned behind. While the mirrored wall provides visual separation, the fact that it doesn't reach the ceiling allows for a sense of openness. "The blade wall is a great solution for this space," says Jean-Henri. "Its contemporary, symmetrical design hides the private zones from view."

In front of the mirrored wall would stand a custom-made vanity with a limestone

benchtop and two semi-recessed basins. Lights below the benchtop would softly illuminate the teak-framed, white Perspex cabinet.

STORAGE

The entire eastern wall would be taken up with wardrobe space, both on either side and above the new doorway. Opaque Perspex sliding screens framed in teak would lend a Japanese sensibility. "The wardrobe is designed as a transition space between the bedroom and the ensuite, while its depth would provide insulation from noise," explains Jean-Henri.

COLOURS AND MATERIALS

The materials were chosen for their earthy tones and easy-care qualities, such as the flooring (off-white and charcoal limestone tiles) and the walls (glossy white tiles with a border of green glass mosaics). "In a small space you need colours which are going to give it personality and a sense of cleanliness," suggests Jean-Henri.

LIGHTING

The layout would allow natural light from the window to filter into the room in the daytime, while at night, eight recessed downlights would provide illumination.



MATERIALS USED

- **Tiles and glass** Floor tiles (body), Limestone Walnut Grove honed finish, \$119 per sqm; floor tiles (border), Limestone Azul Cais honed finish, \$139 per sqm; wall tiles (body), white gloss ceramic tiles, \$24 per sqm; and wall tiles (border), Frigate glass tiles, \$38.50 per sqm, from Classic Ceramics nationally (02) 9560 6555.
- 10mm-thick reinforced glass (shower screen), \$1000 per 2sqm; 1.8m x 1.2m mirror glass, \$200, from Stegbar nationally 1800 681 168.
- **Joinery** 6mm Opal Perspex (storage unit), \$235 per sheet (2400mm x 1200mm), from Cadillac Plastics, Sunshine VIC (03) 9318 5100. Teak veneer, \$10.50 per sqm, from George Feathers & Co, Port Melbourne VIC (03) 9646 5266. Limestone Walnut Grove vanity top, from Classic Ceramics (as before).
- **Lighting** 8 x Egoluce 1LB 6240 cast-aluminium downlights in chrome, \$57 per kit, from Custom Lighting Designers of Light, Armadale VIC (03) 9822 0001.
- **Tapware/sanitaryware** 2 x chrome Intamix basin mixers, \$412.50 each; and shower mixers, \$308, from Accent International, Chippendale NSW (02) 9698 7588. Leda shower outlets, \$220; Vasque basins, \$450 each; and Leda toilet suite, \$955, from Hardwarehouse nationally (02) 9876 0888. Cosmic Minimalism chrome towel rails, \$111 each; toilet roll holder, \$87; and soap dishes, \$87 each, from Rogers Seller & Myhill nationally (03) 9429 8888.

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BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Please note: all costs are estimates.

● Designer's fee	\$3000
● Demolition	\$1000
● Building work (including plumbing and electrical)	\$6000
● Tiling (materials and labour)	\$4000
● Joinery (materials and labour)	\$5800
● Lighting	\$456
● Tapware/sanitaryware	\$4219
● Other materials	\$1535

Total (includes GST)

\$26,010

