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# GOOD THINGS *to do now!*

- ♥ Plan a kitchen garden ♥ Update with blossom buys
- ♥ Get together for a pizza party! ♥ Pick wild ingredients



Similar family bathroom, £17,000,  
Samantha Johnson Design, 01628  
632517, samanthajohnsondesign.com.



## On our wishlist Family bathrooms

### 5 steps to the perfect space


Follow these simple ideas for a stylish bathroom that will grow with your family.

**1 Make it future-proof.** Invest in a white suite and stick to neutral finishes for walls, floors and cabinets. When children are young, accessories in a rainbow of bright colours and bold prints will add to the fun, and you can tone it down as they grow up.

**2 Don't sacrifice style.** Little ones' bathtime often involves an abundance of garishly coloured toys. Packing the plastic away when not in use will keep the room looking smart. For stylish storage try LittleJohn Bathrooms (01730 231050, littlejohn.co.uk).

**3 Choose eco-friendly features.** Help the whole family to be mindful of water usage with the Duck Eco Shower Timer, £4.99 from Nigel's Eco Store (0800 288 8970, nigelsecstore.com), and install taps with built-in flow restrictors.

**4 Focus on easy-clean materials.** Toughened glass splashbacks and tiled or vinyl floors are especially practical. Use splash-resistant bathroom paints on walls.

**5 Put safety first.** Store cleaning chemicals and medical supplies in a lockable cabinet or add child locks to existing cupboard doors. Thermostatic showers and bath taps allow you to pre-set the maximum temperature. For more information, visit [safehotwater.co.uk](http://safehotwater.co.uk). 

#### EXPERT TIP

### Practical underfoot

*'Vinyl flooring is an ideal choice for a family bathroom because it's easy to clean and comes in colourful, slip-resistant designs,' says Valérie Pavard, Designer Residential, Tarkett.*

Gibraltar **vinyl**, from £18 a square metre, Universe collection, Tarkett, 01622 854040, [tarkett.com](http://tarkett.com).



### The next big thing... Electronic taps

If children tend to leave the water running, fit an electronic basin tap that cuts out automatically after use. A sensor under the spout provides hygienic touch-free operation and the water temperature can be restricted to prevent scalding.

Axor Uno 2 wall-mounted electronic **mixer tap**, £1,095, Hansgrohe, 01372 472001, [hansgrohe.co.uk](http://hansgrohe.co.uk).

