

*This antique washstand is just over 100 years old.*

*It was brought into the client's cottage in Twickenham, Middlesex, some time after the cottage was built around 1860 and was in situ when the client bought the cottage. The client, a doctor, was loath to let the washstand go, but the room was small and if it had stayed we would have needed to make use of it. Although the condition of the washstand had deteriorated over the years, it was generally in such a good shape, with some wonderful original bubblegum pink tiles running along the back stand, that I just knew we could bring it back to life.*

*Thus it was sent off to be polished, the granite top replaced and we were able to use it as a stand on which to place a modern 'lotus bowl' style basin. The bathroom scheme is a classic palette of warm tones and contemporary bathware, however, the washstand grounds the whole scheme in the era of the cottage, reminding us of the history of the place.*

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