



Mirrors have been cleverly placed across three walls and positioned diagonally in the corners to give the illusion of the space going on forever

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CASE STUDY: A SPA FEEL FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS



Despite limited space, Davina Merola of Space Alchemy Interior Design has created a spa-like environment for her client to luxuriate in. She explains how she did it:

"We didn't have much space to play with, but we managed to squeeze in a false wall to house the plumbing and speakers for an integrated audio system. Originally, the room had a single alcove mirror above the basin that meant there was only one shelf for storing toiletries. I planned to replace this with a flat, mirrored panel, but we discovered service pipes at each side so each end was angled to create an infinity effect.

The materials were kept simple and wenge was introduced with the vanity unit because we wanted to break up the limestone to avoid the room looking like a cell. We also used the same limestone tiles on the floor and walls to produce a sense of expanse. The vanity unit meant that there was concealed storage as well as the open storage in front of the mirrored panel and I also employed the space-saving trick of keeping everything off the floor.

Planning the position of the tiles on the wall was important because you have to get them to look right, as well as fill the space, and we used big tiles to keep the number of lines breaking up the space to an absolute minimum."

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