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### SMALL BATHROOMS QLD

JML Design has reimagined a compact, dated first-floor bathroom in a Runaway Bay townhouse, creating a serene, contemporary space tailored to the needs of a young family. The original layout featured a compartmentalised bathroom and a separate toilet, both restricted by limited natural light and inefficient use of space. The renovation merged these two areas into a single, cohesive bathroom that prioritises flow, functionality and timeless style.

A freestanding bath now takes centre stage beneath an enlarged window framed with classic white shutters. The placement of the bath maximises sunlight, creating a sense of calm and providing a visual anchor for the space. The walk-in shower, wall-hung vanity, and wall-faced toilet with a concealed cistern contribute to a streamlined, uncluttered feel, while a custom-height mirror ensures usability for both adults and children. Cleverly designed storage solutions balance practicality with the clean, neutral palette that defines the room.

Layered lighting plays a key role in shaping the bathroom's atmosphere. Dimmable pendants above the vanity offer bright illumination for daily routines and a softer, ambient glow for relaxation, while under-vanity lighting doubles as a subtle night guide. This thoughtful lighting strategy supports wellbeing by reducing eye strain and complementing natural light throughout the day.

The renovation presented several technical challenges. Fire wall restrictions limited plumbing options and prevented recessing a mirrored cabinet. Body corporate approvals were required for structural changes, including window repositioning. The modest footprint demanded meticulous spatial planning to accommodate a full-sized bath, walk-in shower, vanity and toilet without compromising comfort or flow. Close coordination of plumbing services was essential to ensure compliance with strata regulations while supporting the new layout.

By removing the dividing wall, repositioning the window, and layering both natural and artificial light, JML Design successfully created a bathroom that feels spacious, calm and highly functional. Timeless finishes in neutral tones ensure longevity and broad appeal, while the considered layout meets the practical demands of a family home. The end result is a balanced and inviting retreat, demonstrating that even compact spaces can deliver sophistication, comfort and lasting value.

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Nestled within a newly built wing of a coastal cottage, this kitchen by Sophie Katina embodies warmth, practicality and an understated elegance. Designed with the clients' next chapter in mind, it balances functionality with a sense of joy, offering a space that is both adaptable and enduring.

The palette is anchored by Calacatta Verde marble, its striking green veining running throughout the benchtops and splashback, imparting natural character and depth. This is complemented by Cotto Zellige tiles, laid across the rear wall and kitchen island for a handcrafted texture that shifts gently with the light. Together, these finishes create a tactile backdrop against which playful details shine, such

as the Karu range of handles from Lo&Co, adding a subtle injection of colour and fun.

Functionality was at the core of the brief, and the layout is tailored to maximise efficiency. Layered drawers and durable hardware ensure seamless use, while deeper benchtops allow generous space for baking with grandchildren or preparing meals without constraint. Integrated appliances and a concealed nook keep clutter at bay, maintaining clean lines and a sense of calm order. The hidden rangehood, formed with a flared base and clad in gyprock, dissolves seamlessly into the surrounding walls, its subtle negative space framing a refined focal point.

Equally important was the atmosphere. The island's generous depth and

thoughtfully arranged seating invite family and friends to gather, ensuring no one feels in the way of the cook. Every choice, from the quality of finishes to the clear definition of work zones, reflects a considered approach to longevity and comfort.

The result is a kitchen that feels both personal and welcoming, a space of high-quality craftsmanship designed to be enjoyed daily. It invites connection, offers flexibility for changing needs, and delivers beauty without sacrificing functionality. For this family, it is not just a kitchen, but the heart of their new chapter.

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