



01 The ensuite bathroom features a slim and sleek washplane.

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Epsom HOUSE by Architecture Smith + Scully

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Function is paired with fine finishes in the bathrooms and laundry of this Epsom house.

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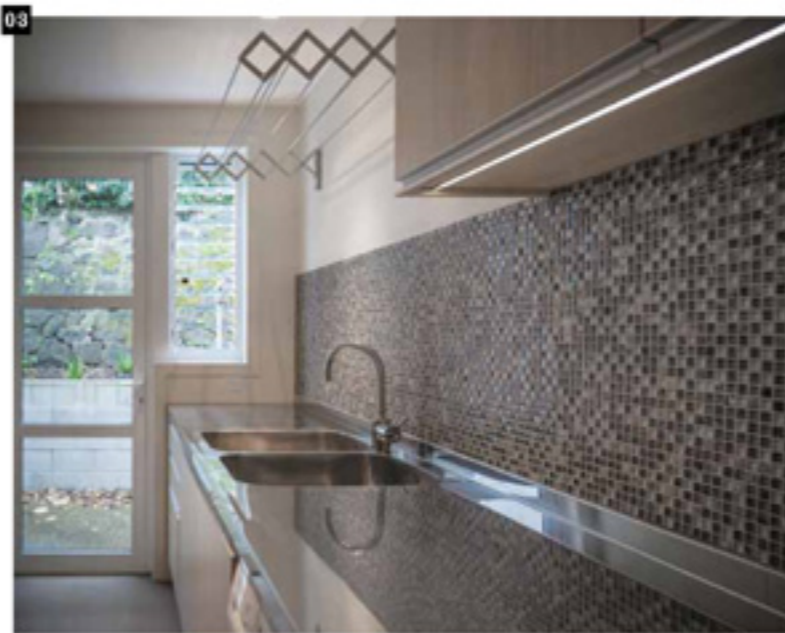
Photography by Samuel Hartnell

Architect Hilary Scully of Architecture Smith + Scully designed this house in the Auckland suburb of Epsom for a family of five.

The bathrooms - a guest, family and ensuite - and a family-sized laundry room all share a great deal of attention to detail and finishing quality. The guest room and laundry are on the ground floor. They both have glass mosaic tiles on the wall that are a cool palette of mushroom brown and pale green.

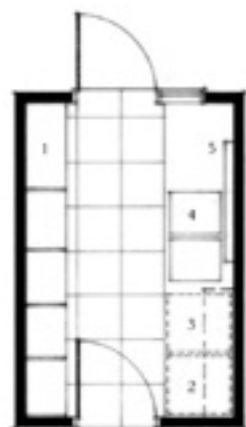
The laundry is a generous working space, with a large bench along one wall and hidden cabinets on the other. These are for all the usual laundry storage but also for storing each family member's laundered clothes until they are collected by their owner. A laundry chute across the hall makes sure said family member's laundry makes it to the room easily.

The family bathroom is upstairs, located between mirrored bedrooms occupied by the clients' sons. It is the twin of the guest bathroom in the use of materials. It has



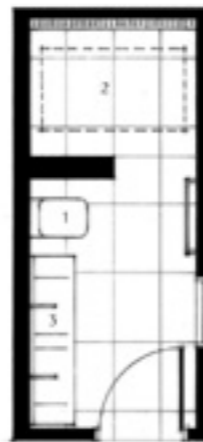
02 The family bathroom has private views through to the trees of a neighbouring orchard.

03 The laundry repeats colours and materials from the guest bathroom next door.



Laundry plan

- 1 Storage cupboards
- 2 Dryer
- 3 Washing machine
- 4 Stainless steel bench and sinks
- 5 Drying rack

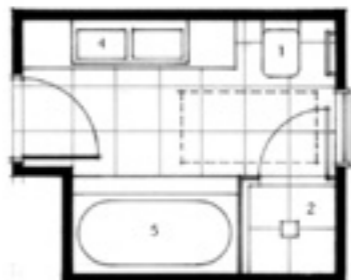


Ensuite plan



- 1 WC
- 2 Shower
- 3 Washplane
- 4 Vanity
- 5 Bath
- 6 Basin

Guest bathroom plan



Family bathroom plan

the mosaic tiles from downstairs and a luxurious large tile that is cream with a texture which gives it a linen-like look. The guest bathroom has similar tiles that have a slightly different woven finish.

The ensuite bathroom is a change of pace from the others with a mix of textured white and slick black tiles. The clients wanted this room to be a bit different and sought out fine fixtures like the long, lean washplane. This doesn't provide any opportunity to clutter up the sink edge with toothpaste and the like, but Scully has taken care of that with hidden cabinets behind the mirror.

The shower is a large walk-in space lined with white tiles that have a highly textured finish. These create a sparkling shimmer in the light. The light pours into the shower from a skylight and a tall triangular window. In this room you can listen to the radio, piped in from a panel above the shower, while you prepare for the day. 00

Practice

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Plumber: Euro Plumbing
Electrician: Dyson Bull Electrical
Tiling and waterproofing: Fifth Element
Cabinetry: RH Cabinetmakers
Insulate products
Tiles: Black 440x660mm; cubica venis 333x1000mm blanco gloss; black 440x660mm by Jacobsens

Basin: Double washplane geo-caesarsone snow by Arbedonus

Basin taps and shower mixers: Solo; moonshadow square shower columns

WC: Acacia by Robertson Agencies

Heated towel rails: Sirocco rails by DCS Short

Main bathroom products

Tiles: Glass mosaic lava coco by Tile Warehouse; white 300x600mm; crème linen 200x450mm; coco brown 450x450mm by Jacobsens

Basins: Quadra Neu double by Robertson Agencies

Vanity top: Caesarstone quartz - nougat

Bath: Drop You by vcbe

Tapware: Solo

Guest bathroom products

Tiles: Glass mosaic lava coco by Tile Warehouse; white 300x 600mm; crème linen 200x450mm; coco brown 450x450mm by Jacobsens

Basin: Hatria grandangolo 1500x 500mm by Michel Cesar

Cabinetry: Australian blackwood veneer

Heated towel rails: Sirocco rails by DCS Short

Laundry products

Tapware: Solo by Robertson Agencies

Appliances: Bosch

Drying rack: Artweger Rackzuck

Cabinetry: Laminex seasoned oak; low-pressure laminate; flint finish

Time schedule

Design and planning: 12 months

Construction: 15 months

Project areas

Site size: 1403m²

Building area: 375m²