



# Luxury in the Loft

Designing the perfect bathroom for customers regardless of the shape and size of the space is an integral part of the service provided by PT Ranson, so when Ian and Emma were struggling with the dead space in their loft, PT Ranson gave it a new lease of life.

For many of us, lofts are either a place to store unwanted belongings or a wasted empty space. For Ian and Emma, however, their loft houses an elegant ensuite bathroom and is a tranquil haven from the rest of the family home. Emma had long hoped to convert her loft into an ensuite bathroom for the master bedroom, but had been discouraged by others because of the large size of the space. With four children, including three boys, she wanted an additional bathroom to create extra space for their family of six. The family were in need of a trustworthy company with extensive knowledge; PT Ranson were the answer. The company was established in 2000 by directors Paul Randall and Tony Jackson and provides everything from design and planning to installation services.

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‘We converted the loft years ago, but as it was such an awkward space to work with we couldn’t visualise how to make use of it. We bought a bath and it stood in the middle of the room for as long as I can remember,’ laughs Emma. ‘Having a full house with four children meant that the space needed to be used. We

spoke with a couple of bathroom companies, but even with their suggestions it still seemed as though the loft would remain a dead space. We purchased radiators from Paul at PT Ranson years ago, so I called in to ask his opinion. He came to the house to take measurements and within a couple of days we had three different 3D designs to choose from. Paul is very talented when it comes to visualisation, he was there to help us with our decision and we ended up choosing the design that he recommended.’

The layout of the bathroom has been thought through with care and precision. PT Ranson refrained from placing the bath and shower against the existing wall in the loft as other companies had suggested, as the walls stood at awkward heights due to the rafters. Paul’s design involved installing a floor to ceiling stud wall in the centre of the room and placing the shower behind to allow maximum height. This innovative wall separates the showering area from the bathing area, creating a cosy, private retreat. On the other side of the wall sits the clean, modern sink unit beneath a minimal but impressive Burgbad mirror. The freestanding bath is considerably placed under one of the roof windows, allowing the natural light to bounce off the white tub and bringing a bright spacious feel to the room. When it came to choosing the suite, Emma selected a rectangular unit and shower tray to contrast with the oval shaped bath and sink. ‘We wanted it to be quite square and modern looking but softened this with the roundness of the bath and sink.’ The Victoria and Albert bath is composed of

Quarrycast, a modern material, consisting of 50% resin and 50% quarried Limestone in this case. Quarrycast is a sturdy but malleable material which allows baths to be moulded into various shapes. An innovative storage system has also been incorporated into the layout of the bathroom. Subtle storage holes have been blended into the walls as a tidy way to store towels and toiletries. Unlike freestanding storage units, storage holes create extra space and are a great addition to a bare wall. The Burgbad mirror and large unit beneath are also useful form of storage. ‘The way the mirror lifts up hides everything in there, and you can charge your phone and electric toothbrush inside too,’ says Emma.

‘The bathroom looks modern, but it’s very practical. In our previous bathrooms we’ve had limestone and marble but at the time we weren’t advised that natural materials would stain. For our new bathroom, we wanted materials that looked rich and with character, but also something that was robust and wouldn’t mark easily or stain. Paul gets really excited about his products. He helped us to choose the wall and floor tiles which was fantastic because sometimes the choice on the market can be overwhelming, there are so many options! PT Ranson have a great showroom but when I looked around I liked so much; Paul helped me to eliminate many of the products.’

The Italian porcelain tiles have a stone-effect but are easy to maintain as they don’t require any treatments. The tiles consist of various shades of grey and brown with flecks of silver. Although they’re dark, the tiles are complemented by the number and size of the roof windows, which keep the bathroom light and airy. ‘The radiators were also recommended by Paul. He suggested a style with the best heat output as it’s difficult to heat the loft, especially in the winter.’

‘The whole process was so easy,’ Emma continues. ‘We made a special order for an Italian shower tray and arranged the fit to take place on its arrival; it took just two weeks. Paul has a team of fitters, electricians, plumbers, plasterers and tilers, so you don’t have to arrange anything, you simply call one number and Paul takes care of everything for you. The willingness of PT Ranson to help us was great. We were unsure how to approach the loft space for ages, but Paul was excited by the space and without his imagination and drawings, it would probably still be unfinished. The team are really friendly and genuinely interested in what they do. I’ve recommended PT Ranson to friends and family, which I think is the biggest test of a great company.’

In fact, Emma and Ian were so impressed with the service and finished result provided by PT Ranson, they have hired the company to renovate their current wet room into a stylish but functional bathroom for their three sons. ‘We’re waiting for them to start the next one and really looking forward to it!’

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