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When choosing hues for your bathroom, consider the surfaces you're working with. "On the floor, always use a tile with movement or pattern, as this will divert the eye from focusing on dirt or dust," says interior designer Coco Tully of this trick, seen at left. Coco recommends continuing this tile on the lower half of the wall for easy cleaning, if possible. "Just make sure you choose a grout that's slightly darker than the tile itself, as the grout will be the first thing that discolours," she says. For non-tiled walls, opt for light, airy hues such as whites, light browns and taupe, light greens and soft greys - they visually make the space feel fresh and clean, plus help small spaces feel larger. "Look for a stain-resistant bathroom paint that's specifically designed for wet areas and comes with a built-in mould-inhibitor," says Romy Naysagam, Dulux brand manager.

ROYAL FLUSH

If cleaning the toilet is the chore you dread the most, here's some great news: today's toilets now come with so many squeaky-clean features that you might never have to scrub again. "Definitely look for a rimless design - there's nowhere for germs to hide - plus anti-stain technology," says Dee Hunter, senior product marketing manager for Kohler. "Touchless flushing is also important - the flush button is the highest contagion point, so a touchless toilet significantly reduces the spread of bacteria." And don't stop there: choose a concealed cistern so that the toilet can be wall hung - as GIA Renovations did in the bathroom below - making it far easier to clean underneath and behind.



SHOWER POWER

Interior designer Coco recommends three key elements when creating an easy-clean shower. "Choose larger format tiles to reduce grout lines, a frameless shower screen and a handheld shower," she says. A handheld shower, such as the one above, means you can easily hose down surfaces without having to handle a heavy bucket, while a frameless screen makes for less grooves to clean. The door mechanism also matters, advises Franco Parisi. "Go for sliding glass shower doors rather than doors that open out," he says. "This will help prevent water dripping from the glass onto the floor." It's also important to choose a shower head that resists mineral build-up. "Look for a silicone spray face that resists corrosion and is easy to wipe clean," says Dee from Kohler.