

## LOFTY AMBITIONS

With their children growing into teenagers, Jane and Liam Kemp knew that they needed more space than their quaint Victorian farmhouse currently offered. But with the family settled in the area, moving wasn't an option. Instead, the couple took advantage of their property's attic space by converting it to create an extra bedroom and bathroom.



"We've embraced the country look elsewhere in our home, so we wanted to continue the theme right up to the rafters," says Jane. "It needed to be pretty as well as practical, and we were keen that the finished room would provide for our storage needs without getting too cluttered." The couple tasked the designers at Debenvale to come up with a plan. The first step was to make the choice between fitted or

freestanding pieces, and it was decided that the former would offer more room to keep towels, toiletries and other bathroom necessities in order. Pippy oak was chosen for the bespoke set-frame cabinetry and panelling, for its traditional, characterful grain as well as to ensure a good match the refurbished ceiling beams. The cistern is integrated to maintain a consistent look. A large mirror forms part of the ensemble, and lends a greater sense of space to the room. Tall glazed cupboard doors mixed with open, illuminated shelving help to maintain this impression.

"We didn't want to have tiles, because grout lines can be difficult to keep clean, so the Crema Marfil marble surfaces are perfect," says Jane. "They blend beautifully with the travertine floor, and give the room a classical touch, too, which is complemented by the Kohler brassware and undermounted sink, as well as the elegant cupboard handles." Debenvale Managing Director, Kevin Davey, insists on faultless quality and installation on all his firm's projects, and it shows. "We're delighted with our new bathroom," Jane reports. "The designers were extremely helpful, and the whole process went incredibly smoothly."

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