

French Provincial wins

The designers at Oswald Homes drew inspiration from the graceful old homes of the French countryside when they created this award-winning bathroom in Dalkeith.

Named WA's New Bathroom Project of the Year in the 2015 HIA Kitchen and Bathroom Awards, the elegant ensuite draws together ornate detail and classic materials, such as oak, porcelain and antique silver.

"This isn't a stark, cold bathroom. It's warm, soft and romantic, echoing the French Provincial style throughout the rest of the house, which went on to win the award for WA's Spec Home of the Year," says Brook Leber, Principal Designer at Oswald Homes.

Details in the ensuite include traditional taps with porcelain handles, a Shaker profile to the doors and drawers of the solid White Oak vanity unit, and a double French ogee profile to the Quantum Quartz vanity top in Empire Quartz.

The freestanding Victoria + Albert double-ended Toulouse bathtub sits in its own space, framed by a timber-lined arch that picks up on the curves of the window fitted with custom-made shutters.

"We've demonstrated that not everything has to be symmetrical," Brook says.

The earthy tones, subtle textures and natural materials, including the Aida Forrest travertine from Bernini, all make for a comforting, indulgent space that oozes old-world charm.

Using ornamental silver frames around the mirrors has added a decorative touch not commonly found in a bathroom, while the antique bronze handles to the oak vanity have a subtle patina that is very French Provincial.

The French Provincial style has been incorporated throughout the magnificent four-bedroom home, which was custom designed and built by Oswald Homes.

"The brief for this home was to give it lots of character and a lot of detail," Brook says.



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