



▲ 'I painted the walls yellow in the guest bedroom because it gets a lot of light so always looks sunny,' says Sam

ceiling and the floor, the back half of the house which incorporated the kitchen, and a rear bedroom and bathroom upstairs was reduced to a shell, which meant Sam had to sleep on friends' sofas for a few weeks. 'As I was managing the project myself I had to return to the house daily after work which was very tiring, so I moved back in at the earliest opportunity.'

When Sam finished decorating the downstairs living room he realised the project had taken him two years from start to finish. 'It has been very stressful at times but it's also been totally worth it,' he finishes. 'I enjoy entertaining and it's now the perfect house for that.' **YH**



▲ The builders took 12cm of space from the master bedroom for the bathroom. The extra space allowed them to create a tiled alcove above the bath. 'I chose the natural stone wall tiles from Porcelanosa to create a spa feel,' says Sam

### Good idea!

A lit-up alcove above the bath is a stylish and practical space for bathing essentials.



## 5 IDEAS TO STEAL

### PICTURE PERFECT

Have your favourite photos transferred to canvas for wall pictures with special memories.

Rectangular canvas print, from £8, HelloCanvas



### LIGHT SHOW

Pendants make stylish bedside lights, while saving space on your bedside table.

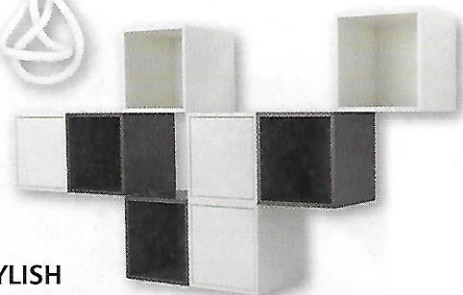
Plumen ES drop pendant light in bright chrome (decorative bulb sold separately), £35, John Lewis



### STYLISH STORAGE

Use different shaped and coloured cubes to create your own personalised wall cabinet.

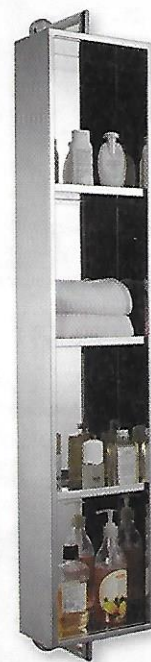
Valje wall cabinet, from £25, Ikea



### SECRET SHELIVING

A hanging mirror which doubles up as storage shelves on the reverse is a stylish must for smaller bathrooms.

Rotating mirrored cabinet, £179, Bathstore



### LUXE LOOK

Textured wallpaper adds a luxurious touch and sets the scene for a stylish bedroom.

Bluebell grasscloth wallpaper, £18.23 per sq m, Urbane Living

