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In the zone

A striking palette and unusually shaped room don't detract from the sense of calm and relaxation in this bathroom.

■ A large old peppercorn tree was the inspiration for the design of this bathroom, as Modo Architecture's clients wanted to celebrate and capture the natural beauty of the tree. Michael Ong, Modo Architecture's Director, decided therefore to bring the tree and the bathroom together. "From the exterior facade, the windows may seem slightly random, but in fact they are carefully positioned to capture your views as you move through the bathroom. In each window a selected view of the trees' foliage is framed. At the entry, the window is chest height

to frame the view out, while next to the tub, the window is low and in line with the bath hob so that it appears to flow out into the tree. In the shower area, the window is high to draw your eye out to the tree and to the sky." Deliberately filtering the views to the tree and sky helps to create a soft and relaxed atmosphere in the bathroom, diverting your attention to nature and away from the suburban environment.

■ The shape of the room is unusual, almost triangular, with a diagonal wall running between one

side of the bath tub to the other side of the shower. By 'zoning' one section of the bathroom green and the rest white, Michael and his team created a visual 'weight' to one side of the bathroom which helps to accentuate the form and elongate the room, as well as making a natural border for the shower area. As for the vibrant colour choice, Michael was again thinking of the tree, and nature. "The tree and the tiles are of course completely different colours, however I wanted to make sure they worked with each other." The white tiles make the

best use of the natural light by reflecting it throughout the room, and create a clean and clear surface so that shadows of the foliage can be cast clearly into the room, visually bringing the tree into the space.

■ Designed to appear simple, clean and open, this bathroom maintains a minimalist approach and creates a timeless aesthetic, which also helps to clear the mind.



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PROJECT DETAILS

ARCHITECT: MODO Architecture
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: JCK & Associates
Consulting Engineers
BUILDER: RSTM Homes
FITTINGS: Twinset 525 basin, Cubo
twin tower rail and Cubo toilet roll
holder, Toto handshower and overhead
showerhead, and wall-mounted Dial
toilet from Parisi
BATH: Posh domain oval bath
from Reece
LIGHTS: Recessed downlights from
Lights, Lights, Lights
TILES: Ceramic tiles from Classic Ceramic