



# Make a bathroom shine

Help out at home by cleaning the bathroom until it sparkles.

Cleaning the bathroom is one of those household chores that needs doing regularly. After all, it's a busy room and it sees a lot of soap, toothpaste and splashes. If you're new to cleaning, bathrooms are a good place to start because they are usually one of the smaller rooms in the house and they contain less clutter, so they're easier to tackle.

Before you start, ask an adult for advice on what needs doing and how they like to do it. That's because everyone does things differently. Some people use different cleaning products and different cloths for certain areas. Gather everything you need and then follow the four steps below.

## What you need

- Rubber gloves
- Dust cloth
- Wet cloths or sponges
- Bathroom cleaning products
- Mop and bucket
- Microfibre cloth

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There are 78 bathrooms in Buckingham Palace.



## Declutter and dust

Start off by removing items from surfaces – like shampoo bottles in the shower – so you can get to areas and clean them more easily. Put on your rubber gloves. Before you use wet products, you'll need to remove any dust. This means running a dry dust cloth over any dusty surfaces and removing cobwebs. You could also run a vacuum cleaner over the floor to pick up any dust and bits.

## Scrub surfaces clean

Scrub sinks, the bath and/or shower (including taps), and the toilet, plus any tiled areas and shelves. Apply the correct cleaner for the surface and use a cloth or sponge to work it in – a circular motion works well. Some products need washing off with water, or rinse out your cloth and wipe (repeat if needed) until it's gone. Some products, like toilet cleaner, work better if they're left on for a bit before scrubbing.



## Mop the floor

Pick up bath mats and toilet brushes, so the floor is clear. Fill your bucket with warm water and cleaner. Put in the mop, squeeze out any excess water and run it over the floor. Repeat until it's all clean. Start the furthest away from the door and finish by the door, so you don't have to walk over your freshly mopped floor. When you're finished, open the window a crack and ask everyone to stay out until it's dry.

## Finishing touches

Have a final check to make sure everything looks good. To make taps really shine, try polishing them with a microfibre cloth. You could also use glass cleaner to polish the mirrors. Now you can start to put things back in the bathroom. Make sure you get rid of any empty bottles and line things up neatly. You could also change used towels and bathmats for fresh ones and restock the toilet rolls.



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