



## UPDATE YOUR BATH

No matter how large or small you're planning to make your update, it helps to be prepared. Please note the materials you'll need for each project in the lists below. Jot down any questions you'd like to see addressed in the upcoming Do-It-Yourself workshop and you'll be well on your way to the bathroom you've always wanted.



## REPLACE A SHOWER HEAD

### Tools and Materials

- Wrench
- Groove-joint pliers
- Showerhead
- Rag

### Prep Work

- Remove the old showerhead
- Take it with you to Home Depot to make sure it is a standard size.
- If your shower arm is old and needs to be upgraded, bring it with you to The Home Depot.

## REPLACE ACCESSORIES

### Tools and Materials

- Towel bar and other accessories
- Wall anchors and screws
- Level
- Drill
- Drill bit, sized to match the wall anchors
- Screwdriver

### Prep Work

- Measure the bathroom wall for correct towel bar and accessory size.
- Analyze existing accessories and faucets to see if they can be matched or coordinated.
- Consider your family's needs before you purchase accessories: towel bars, towel rings, soap and toothbrush holders, magnifying mirrors, clothing hooks.

## **INSTALL A FAUCET**

### **Tools and Materials**

- Center-set faucet
- Putty knife
- Adjustable wrenches
- Basin wrench
- Gaskets
- Plumber's putty or silicone caulk

### **Prep Work**

- Locate the shutoff valves for the toilet. If there isn't a shutoff valve, find the main valve.; this is also a good time to install a shutoff valve for future use.
- Measure the distance between the tailpieces of the faucet you're replacing. Faucets are 4 inches on center up to 12 inches on center. Purchase one that will fit the opening in your sink.
- Take a look at existing faucets and accessories so that you can choose the finish that will best work in your bathroom's décor.

## **REPLACE A TOILET**

### **Tools and Materials**

- Toilet
- Toilet seat
- Wax ring
- Plumber's putty
- Felt marker
- Pipe compound
- Supply tube
- Adjustable wrench
- Ratchet wrench and sockets
- Screwdrivers
- Hacksaw
- Tubing cutter

### **Prep Work**

- Locate the shutoff valves for the faucet. If there isn't a shutoff valve, find the main valve; this is also a good time to install a shutoff valve for future use.
- Measure to make sure one wax ring will be enough. If the closet flange isn't at the floor surface or if the floor has a new layer of flooring, you may need a special flange extender or double the wax ring.
- Most toilets sold today have the drain centered 12 inches from the back wall. Measure yours from the wall to the hold-down bolt. If it's 10 inches from the wall, buy a 10-inch toilet or install a special offset closet flange.