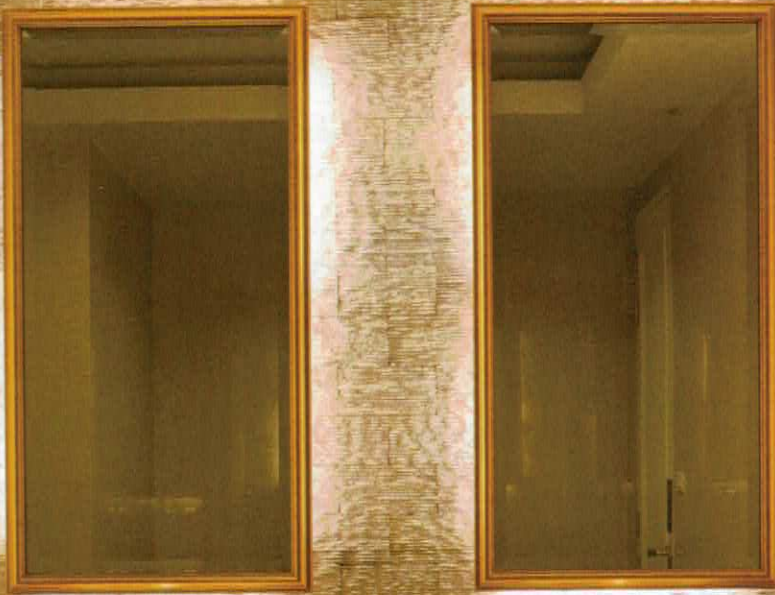


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## Backlight your basin

The bathroom basin is the heart of the bathroom, so you must ensure that it is effectively lit. There are various options available, but mirrors with integrated lighting is a good option for small bathrooms or cloakrooms – to backlight the mirror with an LED strip. The company Well-lit has worked to create a low-energy LED strip that gives a warm, ambient glow, much like the traditional halogen lamp, and is fully dimmable. Its LED strip lights to backlight a mirror (as shown left). Price: 5m roll start from £42.99.

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## Basin basics

Good lighting at the bathroom mirror is best achieved by using a combination of light sources. Set a ceiling-recessed fixture in line with the edge of the vanity, so that the light hits the mirror and bounces back to your face. If you have a large mirror, consider installing two fixtures set symmetrically. Overhead lighting will result in shadows under your nose and chin so, to get rid of these, add a pair of IP44-rated pendants either side of the mirror.

In this collaborative project by Chelsea-based interior designer Juliette Byrne and John Cullen Lighting (right), the vanity unit was designed to ensure excellent task lighting around the mirror. Two IP44 Grissini pendants from John Cullen Lighting provide light from either side, whilst two low-glare Polespring LED downlights add sparkle to the basin. Expect to spend from £1000 on a similar lighting scheme.

NBB Design chose pretty pendants to hang either side of the mirror for dramatic effect (opposite page). Ceiling spotlights create additional brightness due to the lack of natural light in the room. The starting price for this bathroom is £4000.

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