

5 Rooms You Can Brighten With A Skylight

(NC) Adding a skylight can enhance any space, making it lighter, brighter, fresher and more cheerful. A skylight can also improve our experience indoors, where we spend 90 per cent of our time but the air quality is three to five times worse than outdoors.

In addition to the health benefits of more natural light, skylights reduce the need for artificial light and can lower electricity costs delivering twice the amount of light as vertical windows allowing for daylight to penetrate the center of the home.



Here are five rooms that would be even better with one of these light solutions.

Bathroom. By adding a venting skylight, you can allow in an abundance of natural daylight while also letting the steam out after a hot bath or shower. Plus, did you know that the best lighting for make-up application is natural light? A skylight can let you enjoy privacy, an unobstructed view and a sophisticated design touch in your bathroom.

Kitchen. Programmable skylights from Velux will let in natural light and they give you the control to properly air out your home and keep your kitchen fresh during and after cooking. By opening your skylight, gases like hot air, cooking odours and toxins escape through the roof.

Living room. Make this popular space feel bigger with a skylight — you can even combine multiple units to create an architectural statement. Add a solar-powered blind to reduce the glare on your television and other screens.

Home office. Incorporate more natural light into your home office or studio to increase productivity, minimize mistakes and improve your mood. Working in natural light will also lessen eyestrain, which can help reduce headaches.

Attic/loft conversion. By converting your attic into a functional loft, you can add more usable square footage, increasing the value of your home. Keep the space bright, airy and open by including a skylight in your new design, leaving you with views of the sky and not your neighbour's roof, exterior side wall or bathroom. This will allow you to transform your dark attic space into a practical bright space flooded with natural light.

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2018 Trends For The Bathroom

(NC) Did you know that bathrooms were the most renovated space in 2017? This has become a popular space for upgrading thanks to the at-home spa trend, which looks at the bathroom as not just a utilitarian necessity, but as an extension of the rest of the home that can be luxurious and revitalizing.

Need some inspiration for refreshing your bathroom? Check out these top trends favoured by designers and homeowners alike.

Bold lighting. Use lighting strategically to set the ambiance for the space. Try warm brass globe sconces for an industrial aesthetic that feels very now; or use bold vanity lighting for a touch of Hollywood glamour.

Dramatic accents. Create a defining style statement with a standout element, like a skylight. Velux's solar-powered venting skylight brings in natural daylight while allowing you to let steam out after a hot bath or shower. Enjoy privacy, an unobstructed view and a sophisticated design touch.

Modern metals. Warmer hues like brass and gold are making a comeback, and bring in some depth and complement the neutral greys that are popular on walls. Matte black is another option for the fashion-forward; it has a contemporary heritage vibe that looks great against whites and other neutrals.

Unique tiles. Go beyond the subway tile and opt for quirky shapes and mixed tiles that add some flair and interest to any bathroom. Penny rounds, honeycomb, hexagon and diamond are exciting options to try.

High-tech accessories. Enjoy conveniences you never knew you needed like self-cleaning toilets that make housework a breeze; underfloor heating systems you'll really appreciate come winter; wireless entertainment systems for your favourite shows and music; and under-counter appliances like a refrigerator to store beverages and organic lotions.

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