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## Real project



**Designer:** Chris Cook, Solidity.  
**The client:** A family with young children.  
**Location:** West Sussex.  
**The brief:** To create an ultra-modern and stylish open-plan wetroom within a rustic barn conversion.  
**Cost:** About £15,000.

“We helped the owners of a converted barn to create a stylish and practical wetroom in the eaves,” reveals Chris. “They had kept the original exposed roof and wall beams – some of which have been plastered over during the intervening years – yet implemented modern materials and solutions, in order to create a comfortable and functional bathroom area.”

The wetroom adjoins the owners’ bedroom and extensively uses solid surface material Hi-Macs in Alpine White. “The floor, which needs to be totally impervious to moisture as it holds the integrated shower area in the centre, meets seamlessly with the mid-height walls, which are also clad in Hi-Macs,” explains Chris. “The material was chosen for the many properties which make it ideal in this situation – it’s easy to mould, non-porous, and immune to, as well as simple to clean, join, and maintain. It will also flex with the movement of the old building, where tiles or stone would have been too rigid.” The result is a stunning visual contrast between the highly contemporary white interior and the roof space with its ancient oak beams.



← Ripples’ design brief for this ensuite was to use natural materials to create a warm, contemporary space with wood-effect porcelain and natural stone tiles along with large angled showerhead. A similar bathroom would cost around £25,000.

→ The wall-mounted Grohe Rainshower Cosmopolitan 310 showerhead in polished nickel adds a premium finish to any wet area. Priced from £800, it features DreamSpray technology for even flow as well as a SpeedClean function and scratch-resistant StarLight coating.

