

Wet-Room Ceiling Material Checklist

Select correct moisture-blocking materials and verify the proper installation sequence.

Build hidden layers that last against heavy daily steam. This guide helps you properly map your framing and install a flawless, moisture-proof ceiling.

● Key Ceiling Measurements

5/8-inch

Moisture-resistant drywall base thickness

16 in

On-center ceiling joist spacing

12 in

Coated screw spacing along joists

24 hours

Primer cure time before topcoat

72 hours

Elastomeric seal cure time

3/8-inch

Nap roller for satin finish

Sq ft × 1.1

Minimum fan CFM rating required

20 minutes

Minimum fan run time post-shower

Test Your Fan Draft

Hold a single square of toilet paper against the vent. If the suction holds it flat, the draft is sufficient to clear humid air.



● The Layer Sequence

- 1 Hang and Secure Drywall** Mount boards to joists and install solid wood blocking directly above the shower zone.
- 2 Tape and Mud Seams** Press fiberglass mesh tape into seams using setting-type joint compound for a water-resistant finish.
- 3 Prime the Surface** Apply two even coats of high-build mold-resistant primer to create an impermeable barrier.
- 4 Paint the Ceiling** Roll a washable satin sheen finish to actively repel condensation and stop organic growth.
- 5 Seal the Edges** Apply premium elastomeric crown seal where the ceiling meets the molding for permanent flexibility.

● Ventilation & Sealing Upgrades

Find your row: **Your existing setup**

Your existing setup	Your pick	Why
Exhaust vents into attic	Route completely through roof	Prevents dumping moisture into insulation
Fan centered in room	Move near shower enclosure	Captures steam immediately as it rises
Bare metal ductwork	Upgrade to R-8 insulated	Stops warm steam from condensing
House shifts in winter	Use elastomeric crown seal	Stretches with temperature changes

● Before You Begin

- Climb into the attic to check for plumbing lines or electrical wires.
- Clear the space directly above the shower zone for the inline motor.
- Drape a heavy canvas drop cloth over the vanity fixtures.
- Tape heavy plastic sheeting over the glass shower enclosure.

● Material Ordering Sequence

- ☐ Moisture-resistant drywall boards
- ☐ Ceramic-coated or stainless steel screws
- ☐ Setting-type joint compound
- ☐ Fiberglass mesh joint tape
- ☐ High-build mold-resistant primer
- ☐ Satin sheen bathroom paint
- ☐ Premium elastomeric caulk
- ☐ Inline exhaust fan and roof cap

● Project Notes

Enjoy your beautiful, steam-proof bathroom ceiling for decades to come!