Modern Rustic Bathroom Spec Sheet

Hand your contractor the exact materials for a flawless, moisture-safe space.

Skip the guesswork and use these six material face-offs to plan your modern rustic bathroom. This guide provides the exact species, finishes, and temperatures needed for a highly durable sanctuary.



Exact Material Specifications

2700K
Warm white sconce color temperature

90+
Minimum CRI for accurate skin tones

60-66 in
Sconce height, based on eye level

3
Coats of 2K polyurethane needed

5-10%
Matte sheen for the wood finish

150-grit
Sandpaper for raw oak preparation

7 days
Minimum undisturbed cure for epoxy grout

6-12 mo
Tadelakt resealing, based on shower use

Seal All Six Sides

Raw wood cannot survive a wet zone. You must seal every surface of the vanity, including hidden undersides and interior drawer boxes, to lock out moisture completely.

The Traditional Soap Seal

1. **Apply the soap** Rub olive oil soap into the lime plaster using a smooth stone to start the chemical reaction.
2. **Burnish the surface** Compress repeatedly until a satin-like sheen develops that repels water beads instantly upon contact.
3. **Maintain daily care** Use a quick daily squeegee to prevent hard water minerals from etching into the plaster.
4. **Clean safely** Wipe gently with diluted pH-neutral soap; never clean sealed tadelakt with bleach or harsh bathroom detergents.

The Six Material Face-Offs

- [ ] Wet-wall: Seamless tadelakt lime plaster over traditional bathroom tile.
- [ ] Vanity: Water-resistant rift-sawn white oak over porous red oak.
- [ ] Finish: 2K water-based polyurethane over standard single-part varnish.
- [ ] Tap: Living unlacquered brass over lacquered fixture alternatives.
- [ ] Lighting: Warm dimmable sconces over harsh overhead lighting.
- [ ] Floor: Premium epoxy grout over traditional cement-based options.

Critical On-Site Verifications

- ○ Verify your contractor is highly experienced with traditional tadelakt application.
- ○ Confirm the brass fixtures are truly unlacquered and not PVD coated.
- ○ Wipe unlacquered brass dry daily with a soft towel to prevent etching.
- ○ Check the bulb CRI and Kelvin specs on the box before installation.
- ○ Ensure the polyurethane wraps completely around the vanity top edge beneath taps.

Adapting to Your Materials

Find your row: **Your anchor material**

Your anchor material	Your pick	Why
Tumbled limestone floors	Weathered driftwood vanity	Creates a softer, beach-inspired coastal texture
Raw concrete basin	Blackened steel sconces	Gives warm oak a harder, urban edge
Travertine block sink	Pale ash wood vanity	Keeps lines sharp for Scandinavian simplicity
Veined floor stone	Match grout to darkest vein	Instantly grounds space and hides daily wear

Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy watching your living brass and natural oak beautifully ground your relaxing new sanctuary!