The One-Weekend Neutral Bathroom Plan

A Saturday-to-Sunday schedule and shopping list for a warm, airy retreat.

Transforming your space doesn't require heavy demolition. Follow this precise timeline to create a seamless, restorative sanctuary before Monday morning.



Key Project Specs

50%
Half-strength ceiling paint mix

8 oz
Greige grout colorant per standard surround

2700K, CRI 90+
Bulbs for flattering vanity lighting

84-96 in
Rod at ceiling, depends on height

12x12 in
Tub swatch size on heavy paper

72 hours
Full grout cure before showering

Test Against the Tub

Paint your test swatch on bright white paper and tape it directly against the acrylic tub. Evaluate it at night using your vanity lighting to ensure it stays warm.

The Weekend Timeline

1. **Thursday & Friday Prep** Buy supplies, wash new linens, and clear every bottle and fixture from the bathroom floor.
2. **Saturday Morning** Wipe walls with diluted TSP substitute, rinse, and paint the seamless ceiling envelope.
3. **Saturday Afternoon** Paint walls in a satin or eggshell finish, and mount the elevated shower curtain rod.
4. **Sunday Morning** Brush on grout stain with a 2-hour working time, then wipe excess from tile face.
5. **Sunday Evening** Start the 24-hour initial set keeping lines dry. Finish with teak mat and waffle towels.

Your Weekend Shopping List

- [ ] Premium interior acrylic latex paint in warm cream finish
- [ ] Greige epoxy grout colorant and narrow applicator brush
- [ ] Warm LED vanity bulbs to flatter skin tones
- [ ] Long linen shower curtain and heavy-duty fabric liner
- [ ] Slatted teak bath mat warms whites beautifully
- [ ] Textured waffle towels for a cozy, spa-like finish
- [ ] TSP substitute and a clean damp sponge
- [ ] Heavy bright white paper for undertone testing

Before You Paint or Grout

- ○ Check walls for invisible soap scum or aerosol hairspray residue.
- ○ Ensure your paper swatch isolates new undertones from existing wall color.
- ○ Verify your exact ceiling height to position the elevated curtain rod.
- ○ Confirm grout lines are completely dry before applying the epoxy stain.

Swatch Undertone Check

Find your row: **Swatch shadow at night**

Swatch shadow at night	Your pick	Why
Casts yellow or green	Pivot to cooler neutral	Clashes with stark white acrylic tub
Stays warm and creamy	Commit to the color	Flattering under diffuse vanity glow

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully balanced, deeply restorative neutral sanctuary!