

BEAUTIFUL BATHROOMS

Soak it up

Create the ultimate bathroom retreat with these new design trends. Whether you are planning a full renovation or just a refresh, Angelina Villa-Clarke asks the experts to reveal some on-trend inspiration



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amtico.com

Beautiful Walls

01902 872200 | beautifulwalls.co.uk

Cosentino

cosentino.com

Glasswells

01284 752804 | glasswells.co.uk

Graff Designs

graff-designs.com

Henry Rose Interiors

01223 213231

henryroseinteriors.com

Industville

0207 7971 7871 | industville.co.uk

Naturewall

naturewall.com

Reeds Homestore

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Renaissance at Home

01400 263309

renaissanceathome.co.uk

Ripples Bathrooms

01799 934 225 | ripplesbathrooms.com

UK Radiators

0333 0068227 | ukradiators.com

Stone and Ceramic

Warehouse (SACW)

020 8993 5545 | sacw.co.uk

The Albion Bath Co

01255 831605 | albionbathco.com

The Baked Tile Company

01792 439 239 | bakedtiles.co.uk

Victory Colours

01258 841310 | victorycolours.co.uk



EVERYDAY LUXURY

Stone and Ceramic Warehouse gives its tips on the look of luxe

1. Use large format porcelain tiles for fewer grout lines.
2. Slab tiles give a high-end look and can make smaller rooms appear larger thanks to their seamless appearance.
3. Opt for porcelain tiles manufactured in a range of finishes, including marble, wood, natural limestone, concrete and metallics.



A CLEAN SLATE

(Clockwise from top left) Ripples Bathrooms has decades of experience; Henry Rose Interiors brings your vision to life; Beautiful Walls adds character with unique designs





According to data from Pinterest, searches for 'stylish bathroom ideas' have increased 1,000% in the last 12 months. No longer simply functional thanks to our growing passion for wellness, bathrooms are a great space to showcase new design concepts.

Ripples Bathrooms, based in Saffron Walden, has been designing bathrooms for over 35 years and says: "The bathroom of today represents an entirely personal experience. More and more, we are recognising the value in creating a beautiful bathroom, not just for adding value to your property but for adding to your wellbeing."

Cambridge-based Henry Rose Interiors offers a bathroom design service and has noticed an increase in homeowners wanting to elevate their spaces: "Whether you opt for a modern or classic look, the bathroom has seen a rise in status in the home over the past few years. The best bathrooms feel sanctuary-like and the latest designs echo this, giving nods to a

spa aesthetic with luxury finishes, such as marble surfaces or rose gold accessories."

Industville's range of waterproof lighting is now available in more on-trend designs, so customers no longer need to sacrifice style for safety. Mara Rypacek Miller, managing director, says: "Try choosing copper or pewter designs to create a relaxed environment, or glass for a brighter, luxurious look. Brass designs work well against dark bathroom tiles, which have become very popular recently."

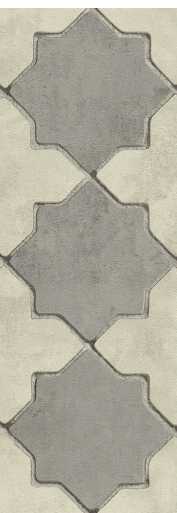
Indeed, you don't necessarily have to invest in new furniture if you are looking to refresh your bathroom: updating lighting, taps or replacing floors and changing wall coverings can give an instant update.

"Wallpaper is one of the easiest ways to inject character and style in any space, even a bathroom," reveals Tim Dixon, director of wallpaper retailer Beautiful Walls. "Green prints are the perfect choice for creating a relaxing vibe due to their biophilic properties."

Easier still is giving your bathroom a lick of paint. "Forget stark white and embrace the colour," suggests Victoria Yardley, founder of eco-paint brand Victory Colours. "Use specialist bathroom paint and go bold to elevate your bathroom. Don't forget the all-important fifth wall – the ceiling – to add interest when you're gazing up from a soak in the tub."

Wood panelling is another great wall feature, adding a natural texture to a room's scheme. Slatwall specialist Naturewall ➡

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has created a waterproof version of its quick-installation wood panelling, making it perfect for adding depth and drama to your bathrooms.

From tiled wall murals, such as those available at The Baked Tile Company, to Cosentino's luxury Dekton Ukiyo surfaces, new floor and wall treatments are bringing a spa aesthetic into the home. Created in collaboration with designer Claudia Afshar, the Dekton Ukiyo sustainable surfaces feature linear fluting and are inspired by Japanese contemporary design. “I have always been inspired by the materials found in nature to make the spaces I design as authentic as possible,” describes Claudia Afshar. “Ukiyo is calming yet simplistic, and the colourways and fluting are romantic but contemporary to create balance.”

According to Lorna Williams, head of product design and visual creation at flooring specialist Amtico, this year will see desire for spaces that enhance wellbeing. Natural colours and organic materials are key focuses. “Alongside wood, calming shades of green and blue are becoming the new ‘usable neutrals’,” she says. “This is especially true for the bathroom, as we see the rise of the ‘spathroom’ – a room dedicated to personal wellbeing.”

For those looking to make a bigger impact, a freestanding bath always commands attention. Brian Athey from bath expert Renaissance at Home, comments: “Homeowners are looking for more out of their bathrooms and, whether it's a rolltop, mounted on a plinth or finished in on-trend metallics, a freestanding bath will instantly draw a bathroom out of the purely functional arena and into the aspirational sphere.”

Stockist of traditional cast-iron tubs, The Albion Bath Co, has seen a rise in demand for coloured baths in luxuriously bold shades such as navy, emerald green and crimson, plus coloured sanitaryware. Phil Etherden, managing director at the company, also emphasises the significance of bathroom storage in the overall design. “Storage can often be overlooked as the bath or shower usually takes centre stage. A beautiful vanity unit can make your basin a focal point, and even provide much-needed storage for your cleaning materials, lotions and potions.”

Colour, it seems, is also making a comeback when it comes to other fittings, such as taps and radiators. Rob Nezard,



ZEN ZONE Beautiful Walls (top) can add character and creativity to any room of the house, while UK Radiators (above) offers stylish additions, bringing warmth both figurative and literal

managing director of UK Radiators, adds: “Standard white radiators are gradually disappearing as more homeowners banish the bland and inject statement pieces into their schemes.”

Meanwhile, luxury hardware specialist Graff, reveals that brass is back on trend when it comes to taps and showerheads. Ziggy Kulig, CEO, says: “Brassware is an easy way to introduce softer tones, organic shapes and textural detailing to the room. Investing in interesting basin or bath mixers and opting for quality waterfall showerheads, with spray technology that transforms the bathing experience, is key.”

Reeds Homestore is another locally based, one-stop shop for instant updates: “You can give a bathroom a fresh feel with fluffy towels and bathmats,” says the company, “while a new mirror or chic lighting are easy ways to refine your bathroom aesthetic. Over at our Downham Market store, the wide range of accessories available could add a touch of glamour to any space.” ●



CREATE YOUR OWN ‘SPATHROOM’

East Anglia homestore Glasswells tells us its top picks for stylish bathroom accessories

1. Invest in thick, luxury towels, such as those by Deyongs.
2. Arch-shaped mirrors from Showerdrape provide a glamorous art deco feel.
3. Laura Ashley's Prague brass and glass wall lights are effortlessly glamorous additions.



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