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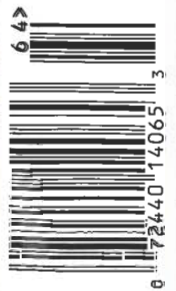
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What's the bathroom of your—or your family's—dreams: a couple's getaway, a spa retreat, or a kids' zone? Check out these **STYLISH EXAMPLES** along with the newest products available to create your very own posh bath. BY KELLY ROBERSON

1 A BATH TO SHARE

In their heart of hearts, no one really wants to share bath space. That's why a couple's bath, with two of everything—mixed and matched to meet each person's preferences—continues to be a welcoming and accommodating must-have for the master suite. But a double set needn't mean boring and bland and doesn't entail a sacrifice of opulence and elegance. Traditional fixtures lend an air of old-world style to a spacious grooming retreat. Divide a shared bath into separate spaces for toilet, closets, tub, and steam shower sized for two. You'll have plenty of space to start and end your day in comfort.



Think the bathrooms of kings and queens are off limits? The new St. James collection faucet (\$412–\$1,200) offers the same design, elegance, and luxury as the one used in Great Britain's own Windsor Castle. Bristol and Bath; 610/962-9329; www.bristolbath.com



Function and style meld with the new shallow DemiLav Lavatory (from \$343). Three drawers add extra storage space. Kohler; 800/456-4537; www.kohler.com



Dual vanities such as the Custom Double (from \$1,595) accommodate two easily. The vanity—available in three sizes (25", 31", and 37")—can be configured to work with knee-hole space or drawers. Cole & Co.; 888/653-2284; www.vanitybath.com




Whirlpool jets and foaming bubbles aren't all there is to bathing. The Neptuner option (\$795) adds an envelope of music on Neptune tubs; the tub hides a surround system that sends sound waves through the bathtub shell. Neptune; 888/366-7058; www.neptuneb.com



Modern marries retro with the revived design of the Art Deco Exposed Shower Set (\$3,772 in chrome). The unit comes in 35 finishes, with a thermostatic mixer and handshower. THG; 954/425-8225; www.thgusa.com



Style meets substance with the Lexicon dual flush toilet (\$700). Users can choose a water flush level. The skirted, angular bowl in three colors adds sleek, contemporary style to a dual-use bathroom. Toto; 800/350-8686; www.totousa.com



A shower tucked around a corner adds a bit of privacy and lets the curve of the vanity become a focal point. Tiles in a variety of sizes—but the same color tones—add visual interest without being too busy.

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A BATH WITH SPA-LIKE AMBIENCE

Imagine yourself immersed in a neck-high soaking tub. Or a steam room replete with sink and spritzing sprays. Even visualize, just for a minute, a cleansing, massaging shower room with dual sprays and an overhead cascade of water.

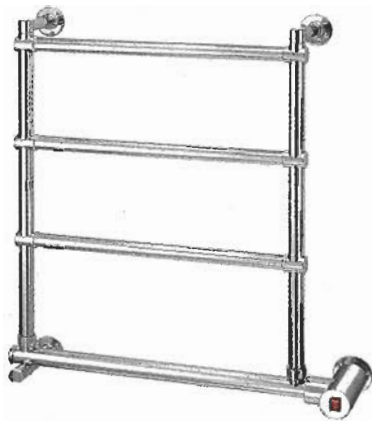
Fortunately, fixtures for the spa-like bath aren't reserved for the most exclusive resorts. Sinks, vanities, toilets, tubs, and showers—all with a clean-lined, contemporary aesthetic—fit into virtually any bath, no matter the size. Finishes, too, adapt to whatever the decor requires. All this means that a trip to the spa is as close as a walk down your hallway.



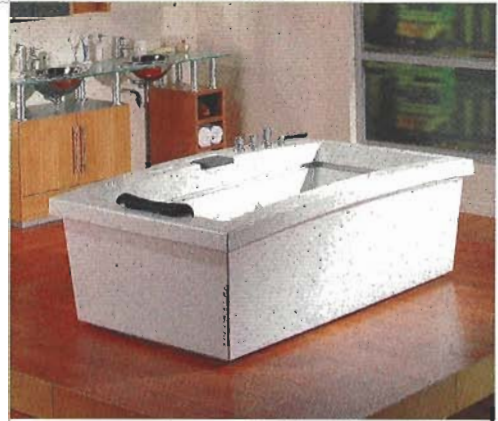
The trio of wood, glass, and fireclay unite in an innovative storage solution with the wall-mounted Europa Air Vanity (\$1,358-\$1,724). Sliding doors and three sizes maximize flexibility. Sonia; 888/766-4287; www.sonia-sa.com



Finally, sink design finds its own zen. Sweeping outlines meet a graceful bowl in the modern form of the new Mona sink (\$917-\$1,225). Vitra; 770/904-6830; www.vitra-usa.com



Keep that thick towel and snugly robe toasty warm with a towel warmer (\$1,519-\$1,629). Mr. Steam Towel Warmer; 800/767-8236; www.mrsteam.com

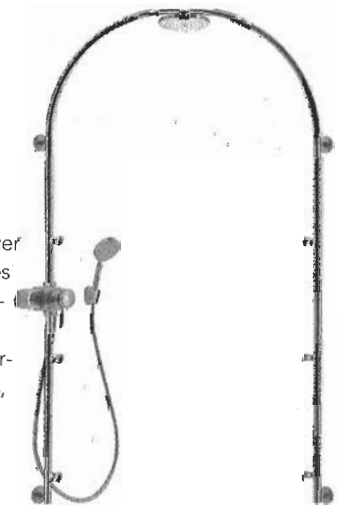


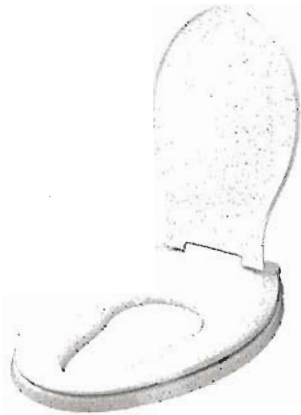
Spa style stays minimalist with this urban-inspired tub (\$1,800-\$4,200), complete with cascading waterfall and comfortable design. Maax; 888/957-7816; www.maax.com



Sleek and stylish, the Icon faucet (\$77) in chrome or brushed nickel sends out a steady stream of water to outfit a sink in a home spa. Moen; 800/289-6636; www.moen.com

The captivating and graphic style of the Pharo Shower Arc (\$2,425) douses a bather in wall-to-wall water, with a Raindance shower-head, body sprays, and convenient handshower. Hansgrohe; 800/334-0455; www.hansgrohe-usa.com

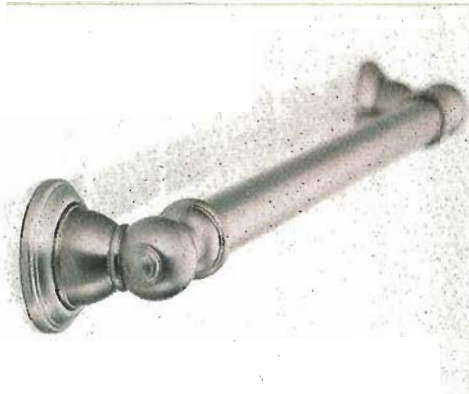




A small kid will feel like a big kid with the Transitions toilet seat (\$53–\$61), which nestles inside an adult seat for comfort and ease of use. Kohler; 800/456-4537; www.kohler.com



Clip everything for the bath and beyond at kid-friendly height with pegboard and accessories (\$19–\$49). Pottery Barn Kids; 800/993-4923; www.potterybarnkids.com



Safety remains key to any slippery surfaces in a kids' bath. Install a Kingsley 18-inch grab bar (\$17) in tub or shower for peace of mind—and fewer bumps to the head. Moen; 800/289-6636; www.moen.com



Keep dry and warm with fun striped towels (\$12–\$22). Land of Nod; 800/933-9904; www.landofnod.com



No matter their passions, you can finally indulge your kids' bathroom fantasy with Scrub-A-Dubs Sinks (\$299 for fish, shown). Other whimsical shapes include heart, butterfly, tulip, or football. Pair it with a matching multicolor single-lever faucet (\$413). Elkay; 630/572-3192; www.elkayusa.com