

Splash out on the latest looks and design-led ideas

Warmer climate

From delicate, earthy tones to high intensity hues, warmer colour palettes are proving popular in 2021. In terms of design, you can take the trend as far as you like, from introducing pink plaster walls and rich wooden finishes right through to copper-toned brassware and lighting fixtures. This 70s-inspired look is enhanced further with a sprinkle of striking terrazzo flooring.

GET THE LOOK Otto basin in Peach, £1,950, Kast Concrete Basins. Taps, Varied Forms



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Class act

Add a little character to your bathroom with vintage-style details. It might be an antique cabinet repurposed as a vanity unit or even new products that give a nod to period bathrooms – such as this traditional-style towel rail from Drummonds, which takes centre stage in front of a dark navy backdrop.

GET THE LOOK Interior design by Kingston Lafferty Design. Five-bar floor-mounted heated towel rail in nickel, £2,742, Drummonds



Do the double

The luxurious addition of a Jack and Jill vanity unit can work well, even in a smaller space. 'We wanted this en suite to have an art deco, luxe feel,' says interior designer Laura Stephens. A double basin sits on a brass frame, which allows the decorative flooring and walls to be seen, providing a sense of space.

GET THE LOOK Bathroom design by Laura Stephens Interiors. Double basin, £2,580, The Water Monopoly. Mirrors, Vaughan

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Dark matter

When it comes to moody bathroom schemes, the key is in the lighting. Create pools of light at shoulder height around the room with dimmable bulbs, which will give black tiles a soft glow. Then incorporate more practical overhead lighting for when you really need to see what you're doing.

GET THE LOOK Mini Globe wall lights, £279 each, Original BTC. Hardy Plum Botany wallpaper in Acqua Viva, £108 a roll, Paint & Paper Library



In the detail

We're familiar with seeing large slabs of marble in bathrooms but there's something intriguing about a detailed design. More than just a mosaic, marble inlay is a traditional technique going back centuries - the stone is cut and shaped into small pieces, then fitted flush into an interesting pattern - and there's been a resurgence of it in bathrooms. Here, surfaces specialist Fameed Khalique has revived the concept with a modern hexagonal look.

GET THE LOOK Fairmont Field Carrara marble inlay with metal, £498sq m, Fameed Khalique



Shape shifters

Gone are the days when plain white ceramics were the only option. 'Interesting shapes and sizes of concrete basins have really elevated the design of this raw material,' says Hamish Smith, creative director of Ca' Pietra. 'Team with pared-back tiles and chic brassware to really create impact,' he adds.

GET THE LOOK Ferla ribbed basin, from £694.80, Elle + James at Ca' Pietra



Marine life

Benjamin Moore's Colour of the Year 2021 is Aegean Teal, and this wet room by Gunter & Co shows the beauty of the rich hue. Walls are wrapped in a consistent tile to make the narrow space feel larger, with the colour providing a strong identity.

GET THE LOOK Bathroom design by Gunter & Co. Tiles, from £38sq m, Mandarin Stone. Vanity and mirror, Cielo. Brassware, from £140, Lusso



Hanging out

If you prefer a pared-back look in your bathroom, you can still get away with being adventurous underfoot. 'Here, we opted for warm coppery tones for the floor tiles to help create a feeling of serenity,' explains Hayley Robson, creative director at design studio Day True. 'We then chose a wall-hung vanity unit to showcase the tiles underneath.'

GET THE LOOK Bathroom design by Day True, from £8,000



Get drenched

Double showers are seen as the ultimate indulgence - and mean no more waiting around if your partner is hogging the shower in the morning. For the utmost luxury, create a wet room design so the experience can feel as spacious as possible.

GET THE LOOK Dornbracht Lulu shower systems including diverters, rain shower, hand shower and body jets in platinum matt, £4,068, C.P. Hart



Off the wall

It's time to think outside the box - or rather, the shower enclosure as is the case here. Traditional tiling has been cast aside in favour of Wall&Deco's wet system in this creative shower scheme. Similar to the finished look of wallpaper, this design is printed on fibreglass, which can handle humid conditions and is easier to keep clean than the grouting lines of ceramics or stone. The chic curves also add softness to an otherwise cold space.

GET THE LOOK Wall&Deco Vivido wet system, £171.60sqm, West One Bathrooms



Set the scene

How about creating an entire mural of tiles? This painted design by Surface View was taken from an original Ming dynasty Chinese scroll and depicts a landscape of gently rolling mountains, inspiring calm and tranquillity - ideal for a serene bathroom scheme.

GET THE LOOK V&A Collection Ming Mountain Scenic China Blue ceramic **tile mural**, from £720sq m, Surface View