

**ARTISTIC MERIT**

Not to be outdone by statement baths, basins have become more like objets d'art. Take a look at Kohler's Artists Editions Collection, the sparkling cut-glass basins at CP Hart and Raku fired ceramics, including this Raku basin (below), £827, by Volevatch.



**LIGHT AND SHADE**

Colour has a huge impact on mood, and bathrooms have a tendency to sidestep polarising hues in favour of fresh neutrals that are easy to live with. Darker shades are also popular for their cocooning effect. Stone basin, £4,150, and Groove wall-mounted furniture units, from £715, by Modulnova at DesignSpaceLondon.



*Technology has become a fundamental part of any bathroom scheme with LED lighting, underfloor heating, chromatherapy and integrated sound and TV providing all mod cons*

**CENTREPIECE**

The free-standing bath continues to be the focal point, with no shortage of modern and classic styles to choose from. Composites (made from powdered stone and resin) are warm to the touch, much lighter than traditional materials and offer increased design possibilities. Take a look at baths by Victoria + Albert for their elegant shapes and often impossibly slim profiles, while the Duo Vasca collection by Neutra (Duo Vasca bath above), is striking for its harmonious pairing of rich walnut grain and stone.

**SPA STYLE**  
Trend-setting bathroom company CP Hart reports a shift towards spa style and well-being bathrooms, and supplies a range of exciting steam showers by Effegibi, from £10,000.



**DRESS TO IMPRESS**

Larger-scale bathrooms can incorporate a dressing area complete with storage and full-length mirrors. Add a seat or an ottoman, upholstered in an outdoor fabric to resist moisture, plus a decorative mirror such as the Matilda (above), £1,065, by Porta Romana. Clad walls in antiqued mirroring, which will boost the light without feeling harsh.



# Statement WASHSTANDS

*An attention-grabbing basin with storage makes a worthy focal point to your scheme*



**LIGHT FINISH**

The Fontane range by Dogi is made from moisture-resistant ash and is available in two sheer colours: Alaska White (shown) and Baltic Grey. From £2,600 for a 55cm unit and basin at CP Hart.



**BACK TO BLACK**

Marcel Wanders loves to make a bold statement. His New Antique black lacquered table for Bisazza Bagno costs £5,465. The matching mirror is £2,153.



**SOFT TOUCH**

The curves of Porcelanosa's oval wall-hung vanity unit will soften a modern bathroom. Walnut veneer and white Krion contrast beautifully. From £2,349.92.



**ART DECO GLAMOUR**

Fired Earth's Jessica console in Nero Marquina marble and polished steel is the glamorous choice. From £2,065; also in other stone finishes from £1,495.



**WELL ROUNDED**

The Burgbad Lavo range suits bathrooms of all sizes. Featuring gentle curves, it comes in 11 finishes including three wood grains, and four colours in matt or high gloss. The vanity unit, here in Reed Matt, including mineral-cast basin, costs £2,353.20 at Ripples.



**CLASSIC ELEGANCE**

This timeless single-vanity basin stand is hand cut with detailed moulding in Arabescato marble. From £3,780, Drummonds.



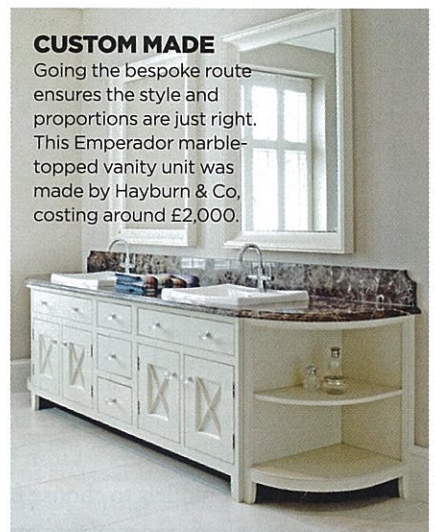
**ROLLING STONE**

Italian company Neutra boasts 100 years of stone processing experience and its contemporary furniture has a natural edge. This Neos double vanity, from £3,140, is in walnut and Basaltina stone.



**NATURAL BEAUTY**

About to launch in the UK, Galassia's Ergo washstand with its slender basin and wooden "branch" support is designed to bring us closer to nature. Price on application.



**CUSTOM MADE**

Going the bespoke route ensures the style and proportions are just right. This Emperador marble-topped vanity unit was made by Hayburn & Co, costing around £2,000.

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