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TREND

Timber!

Wood and wood-look items are turning up everywhere. Here, our fave bathroom items.



This tub from Italy was the inspiration for our wood look. Tiles: Mughetto glass mosaic from the Vetricolor, Le Gemme, Smalto and Glass Collections; design by Bisazza Design Studio.



AU NATUREL

This tub has loads of curvy appeal, and the wide ends make for comfortable soaking for two. *Purify Collection Peanut tub*, 24½" h. x 87" l. x 46¾" w. Approx. \$12,000. Through Gardenside.



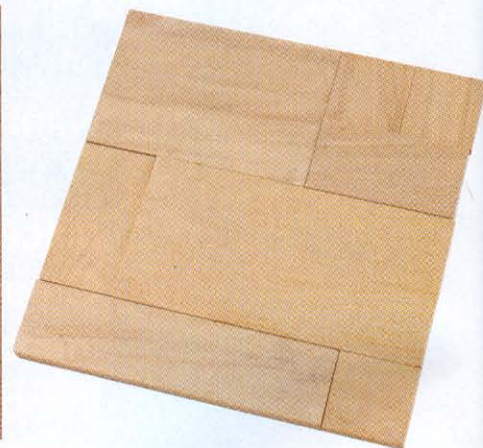
WASHING UP

The square lines of this surface-mount sink have a crisp, modern edge. *Lenova Bamboo sink*, 4" h. x 17½" w. x 12" d. \$575. Through Bath Emporium.



SPECIAL EFFECTS

A woodgrain look makes these porcelain tiles seem amazingly authentic; ideal for a contemporary setting. *Reportage Series in Wenge* (left), \$8.40/sq.ft.; *Misingi Series in Suber*, \$9.61/sq.ft.; both 8" x 32". Through Olympic Tile & Stone.



ALMOST LIKE THE REAL THING

It's hard to tell that these sandstone tiles aren't real wood — they're an incredible replica, with some of the sections looking like end-cuts. Spectacular for a wall application. *CedarStone tiles*. From 3" sq. to 9" x 18". \$12 to \$14/sq.ft. Through ErthCoverings.

WANTED

Garden Fresh

A pretty flower-top home fragrance diffuser is a refreshing update to more messy reed diffusers.

Jardin de Rochelle porcelain diffuser, 120 mL. \$50. At retailers across Canada.



COUNTRY WHITE

These white porcelain tiles have a rough-hewn rusticity that's perfect in a farmhouse bathroom. *PLI Distressed wood-look tile*, 5¾" x 23½". Approx. \$11.50/sq.ft. Through Hastings Tile & Bath.

**ENGINEERED STONES
(SILESTONE, CAESARSTONE, QUARTZ)**

PROS Stain-, heat- + scratch-resistant • No sealing required
CONS Lighter colours can be damaged by aluminum + stained by spices like turmeric
MAINTENANCE Clean with soap + water
COST \$\$\$
Cambria quartz in Dovedale, York Marble Tile & Terrazzo (left); CaesarStone in Champagne Limestone 2400, Ciot.

LAMINATE

PROS The most inexpensive of the bunch • No sealing required
CONS Scratches • Not heat-resistant
MAINTENANCE Clean with soap + water; avoid abrasives
COST \$
Numerär double-sided laminate, Ikea.

The Manmades

STAINLESS STEEL/METALS

PROS Heat- + stain-resistant
CONS Shows fingerprints + scratches easily (but if you're patient, those scratches turn into a nice patina)
MAINTENANCE Avoid bleach-based cleaners
COST \$\$\$
Stainless steel countertop, Perfect Stainless.

ICESTONE

PROS Eco-friendly (made of 100% recycled glass in cement)
CONS Stains • Not heat-resistant
MAINTENANCE Clean with all-purpose nonacidic cleaners • Seal twice a year + wax three times a year
COST \$\$\$
IceStone in Icicle-Blue, IceStone.



★
Think of a material in terms of wear and tear and care required: will it fit in with your lifestyle?

GLASS

PROS Heat-proof • Can back-paint with any colour for a gorgeous custom look
CONS Can crack + scratch
MAINTENANCE Wipe clean
COST \$\$\$
Coverings Bio-Glass in Oriental Jade, The Zero Point.

LAVA STONE

PROS Supersaturated hues: 32 ready-made + infinite custom colours • Stain- + heat-resistant
CONS Can scratch • High cost
MAINTENANCE Clean with soap + water
COST \$\$\$\$\$
Lava stone in (clockwise from top) Azur, Lagon, Citron Vert, Pyrolave USA.

PAPERSTONE

PROS Eco-friendly (made from 50 to 100% postconsumer recycled paper)
 • Scratch- + heat-resistant
CONS Lighter colours may darken slightly with UV exposure
MAINTENANCE Clean with soap + water • Treat occasionally with PaperStone Finish or Howard's Butcher Block Conditioner (through shineitup.ca)
COST \$\$\$
PaperStone in Slate, The Zero Point.

SOLID SURFACING (CORIAN, WILSONART)

PROS Durable + nonporous, so no sealing required
 • Can sand out stains, burns + scratches
CONS Can't withstand prolonged high heat
MAINTENANCE Clean with soap + water
COST \$\$
Corian Dove (D) (left), Willis; LG Volcanics acrylic solid surface in Ripe Cotton G518R, York Marble Tile & Terrazzo.

CONCRETE

PROS Durable, heat- + scratch-resistant
 • Can be custom-coloured
CONS Chips + is labour-intensive to install if cast in your home rather than precast
MAINTENANCE Seal once a year
COST \$\$\$\$\$
Concrete fabrication, Anthony Concrete Design.

Note on prices: All are dependent on labour costs, shipping and specific materials where relevant.

