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Showstopping Tub

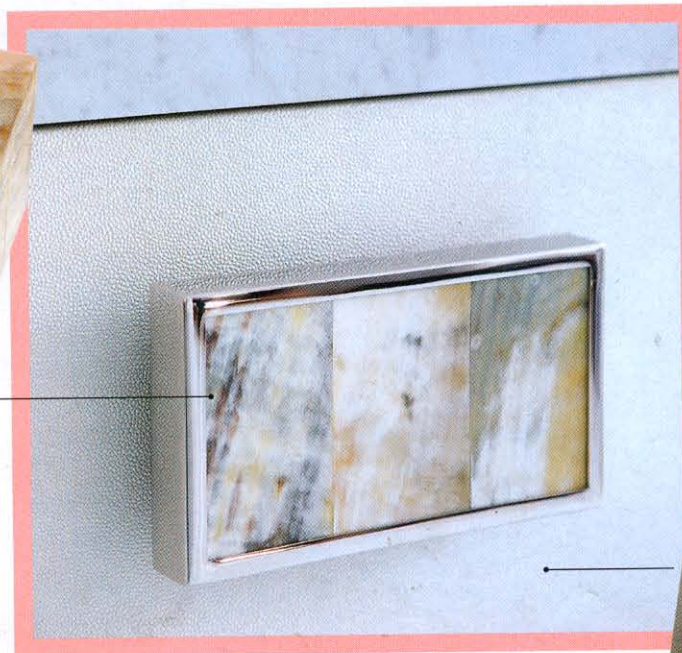
A freestanding tulip tub set in front of mullioned windows is the bathroom's striking showpiece. Handsome panelling dresses up the adjoining wall while a cocktail table, perfect for holding bath amenities, stands at the ready. Designer Viki Mansell chose 24"-sq. quartz tiles for the floor. **Tub, faucet**, Roman Bath Centre; **floor tiles**, Stone Tile.

Embellish Your Vanity



Pretty Pulls

Mansell fashioned bespoke cabinet pulls for the vanity and dressing table by having the lids of horn boxes framed in gleaming polished nickel. **Box**, Absolutely Inc.



Textured Doors

To give the cabinets a glamorous feel, Mansell finished them in a faux shagreen. Get the same effect with Pearl Ray Shagreen in Opal wallpaper by Ralph Lauren Home. **Wallpaper**, Kravet.



Nostalgic Charmer

A charcoal-painted vintage clawfoot tempers the ethereal romance of a diminutive chandelier and light-filtering drapes. **Room design**, Kimberley Wiens.



Classic Clawfoot



SMALL

Lion paw feet in polished chrome give this new tub a sense of history. *Hotel collection Bateau double slipper clawfoot. Acrylic. 27" h. x 29" w. x 59" l. \$1,629. At Baths of Distinction.*



MEDIUM

This faithful Victorian reproduction is held aloft by black curlicue ball-and-claw feet. *Iron Works Historic by Kohler. Cast iron. 24½" h. x 36" w. x 66" l. From \$5,654. At retailers across Canada.*



LARGE

All white with understated lines, this design is a fresh take on the past. *Radford by Victoria + Albert. Volcanic limestone composite. 25½" h. x 35½" w. x 75" l. \$5,020. At Taps and Canaroma.*

Bathtub Shopping Tip Sheet

- ACRYLIC TUBS** are the most affordable but the least efficient at holding heat for baths longer than 15 minutes.
- CAST IRON** is a traditional choice but installation costs for a cast-iron tub can be twice as much as for other tubs due to their weight.
- SOME RETAIL SOURCES** have tubs in stock but others require up to eight weeks for delivery. Keep deadlines top of mind when deciding where to buy.
- FIBREGLASS-REINFORCED ACRYLIC** and composite material tubs offer excellent heat retention, durability and options for shapes, but generally cost more than acrylic ones.
- WHEN SHOPPING**, take off your shoes, get in and sit back to test your comfort level as you would if you were shopping for a sofa.
- ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE** stores or Habitat for Humanity ReStores are excellent sources for vintage or gently used tubs at a fraction of retail prices.