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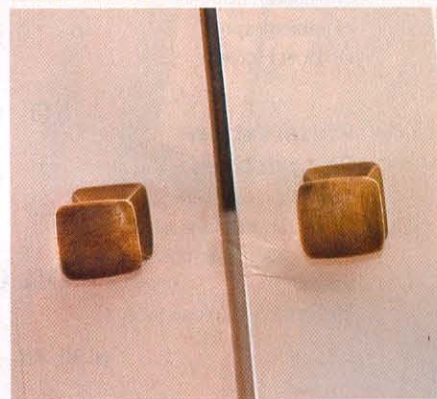
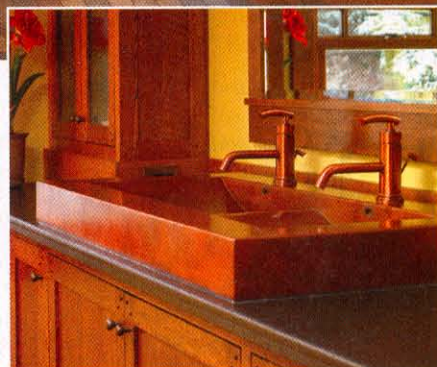
Modern Conveniences. Classic Design.

Marlborough Tub A large and curvaceous slipper tub perfect for two, the romantic Marlborough tub from Victoria + Albert steals the show in any bathroom. All Victoria + Albert designs are crafted from ENGLISHCAST®, a finely ground volcanic limestone mixed with resin, cast in one seamless piece that won't crack or flex, then finished by hand to provide a glossy white solid surface that is highly durable and easy to clean. vandabaths.com

Double Copper Sink Nothing brings warmth to a bath like a shimmering copper sink. Diamond Spas has added a vintage appeal with their new copper trough skirted sink. Measuring 22" x 48" x 4" the sink was designed by Jacqueline Corea of Corea Sotropa Interior Design. A copper sink is a great sustainable choice combining aesthetics with durability, and it is completely recyclable. The entire Diamond Spas line is fabricated from recycled sheet metal. diamondspas.com

Forged Hardware Forged 2 cabinet hardware from Du Verre Hardware was designed by the great metal smith, Heinz Pflieger with classic shapes that retain the hand made qualities of the original forged pieces. Shown in Satin Nickel, the knobs and pulls are also available in Antique Brass and Oil Rubbed Bronze. The entire Du Verre line is crafted from environmentally friendly recycled aluminum, and is compatible with LEED objectives. duverre.com

Natural Stone Tile Permanently seal in the beauty of your bath with Questech's natural stone tile protected by Q-Seal, the only sealing process that bakes the sealant into the tile, rather than just brushing it on. The tile arrives sealed, and the seal lasts for the life of the tile – unlike ordinary sealer which needs to be applied at installation and reapplied at least once a year. Q-Seal Certified stone has superior stain resistance, and comes with a lifetime warranty. questech.com



period products

By RACHEL SHAPIRO

Add some spice to mid-century and English-inspired homes with these colorful and creative new finds.



Clever Disguise

Old houses and ceiling fans go together about as well as oil and water—yet there's no denying a fan's usefulness in cooling rooms. Meyda offers a clever solution: The Costello Two-Tier Chandel-Air looks like a Gothic chandelier, but hides a ceiling fan inside. A great fit for English-derived homes like Tudors or Gothic Revivals, it offers a welcome amenity while maintaining a medieval aesthetic. \$10,999. Call (800) 222-4009, or visit meyda.com.



Color Cache

Nothing says retro like splashes of bright color. Accented with vibrant hues from the swinging '60s, Atlas Homewares' Indochine knobs and pulls are a great way to add color to a mid-century kitchen without breaking the bank. The knobs are available in three streamlined shapes and a rainbow of kitschy colors, so you can mix and match or completely coordinate. Prices start at \$7.50 each. Call (800) 799-6755, or visit atlashomewares.com.



Mirror, Mirror

Mirrored furniture was all the rage during the Art Deco period, and lately it's made a major comeback among modern designers. Jonathan Charles' Transitional Collection pays homage to the Hollywood glamour of the 1920s and '30s with a variety of pieces, including this mirrored console table. With gold accents and a delicate structure, the table is gently updated but still maintains the linear elegance that's an Art Deco hallmark. Around \$1,785. Call (252) 446-3266, or visit jonathancharles.com.



Modern Makeover

Strong angles are a staple in mid-century modern designs—but that doesn't always equate to comfy furniture. Bradley Hughes' Barry armchair, however, combines signature Modernist lines with plush cushions and fabrics for a design that's era-appropriate *and* easy to live with.

Constructed by hand, the chair is available in a wide range of colors and fabrics, including leather, velvet, and linen. It also can be custom-sized. For a price quote, call (404) 814-9595, or visit bradley-hughes.com.

Copper

Woodwork and metalwork (especially copper) are intertwined with the Arts & Crafts movement's emphasis on all things handmade, which makes wood and copper accents—especially those with a hand-finished feel—appropriate for a more creative take on bungalow baths. The best choices give a nod to hand-worked effects and a mix of textures and patinas.



▲ For an eye-catching focal point that embraces one of the era's signature materials, you can't beat a copper bathtub. But because it's a premium material, a copper tub can threaten to blow your whole bathroom budget. This version wraps a copper-coated steel skirt around a cast-iron tub to create a bold statement that's a little bit easier on the wallet. Piedmont copper bathtub, Sunrise Specialty, (510) 729-7277; sunrisespecialty.com



◀ Forget those run-of-the-mill medicine cabinets—instead, go for a design that plays up wood handwork. A simple but stunning frame cabinet with wooden flower inlay (based on a Stickley original) can make the wall above the sink sing. Dakota medicine cabinet with Double Oval Flower inlay, Mission Furnishings, (908) 930-5583; missionfurnishings.com



▲ A sink and vanity can be the perfect stage for a mix of Arts & Crafts-imbued details like straightforward woodwork, forged hinges and pulls, and hammered copper. All three come together nicely in this vanity, which features recycled 16-gauge copper on its hand-hammered integral sink. Old World Vanity (in Olive) with Sedona top, Native Trails, (800) 786-0862; nativetrails.net



▲ Don't forget the finishing touches! Hand-hammered copper towel bars and rings are an easy way to add an extra shot of the luxurious material to a Craftsman-inspired bath. (And the accessories are made from recycled copper, so they're good for the planet, too!) Copper bath accessories, Premier Copper Products, (602) 476-7332; premiercopperproducts.com