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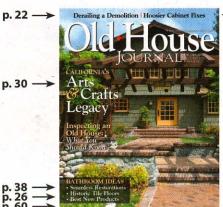
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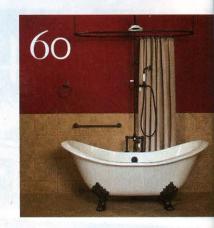
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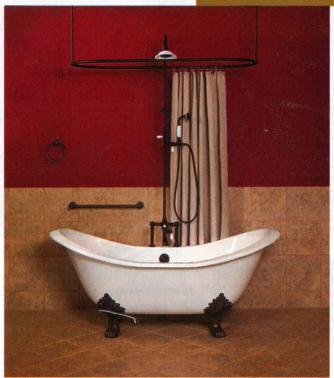
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The bathroom is probably the most used room in the house, and it's also generally the smallest facts that have made baths a prime target for the whims of decorating fashions through the years.

We can almost hear the old advertising slogans now: "In today's homes, COLOR offers endless opportunities!" "Color and design, relate the bathroom and the boudoir!" "Assure a color combination that is highly individual and beautiful!" Considering these phrases come from actual ads of the 1930s and '50s, is it any wonder so few baths have remained original? The lure of marketing and promise of a modern oasis was too strong to resist.

Today, we're fortunate to live a time when "modern" and "period" don't have to be at odds with each other. There are many wonderful offerings out there—from tubs and sinks to faucets and lights—that were designed with period accuracy in mind. More and more, these items are also incorporating up-to-the-minute technology that saves energy or water, or adds another innovative feature. Our editors have pored over the latest lavatory offerings to bring you the best and the brightest. They prove that today, you don't have to choose between modern conveniences and period authenticity for your bathroom—you really can have both. That's great news for a room that's long suffered the slings and arrows of fashion's flights of fancy.

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