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Towel rings

Add an element of style to any bath with an accessory that takes up minimal space while allowing you to hang a hand towel right where you need it

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→ PUT THE FINISHING TOUCH on a powder room or change up the design of a bath large or small with a standout towel ring (or two). It's a decorative accessory that definitely earns its keep, placing a towel close at hand. While towel bars still do the heavy lifting, holding bath sheets and the like, rings allow for a bit more creativity: Today's designs go beyond basic circles, with squares, rectangles, and hook-like open-sided shapes. Styles ranging from Colonial to contemporary offer a wide array of finishes, too, from deep bronze and black to warm brass and gold to silvery chrome and pewter. Stay in the same finish family as your other bath fittings if you want to play it safe, or go for bold and choose a contrasting tone. Here, 13 towel rings we think are tops.



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ACORN

Made of: Lacquered iron

Size: 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ "H x 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "W x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "D

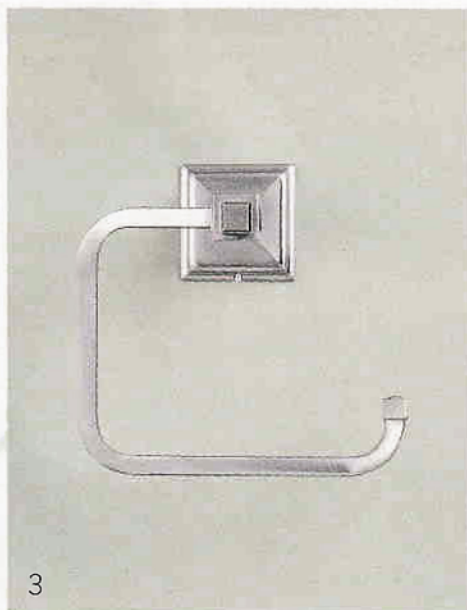
Highlights: This forged ring takes its design cues from spear-tipped strap hinges of the colonial era. \$45; houseofantiquehardware.com

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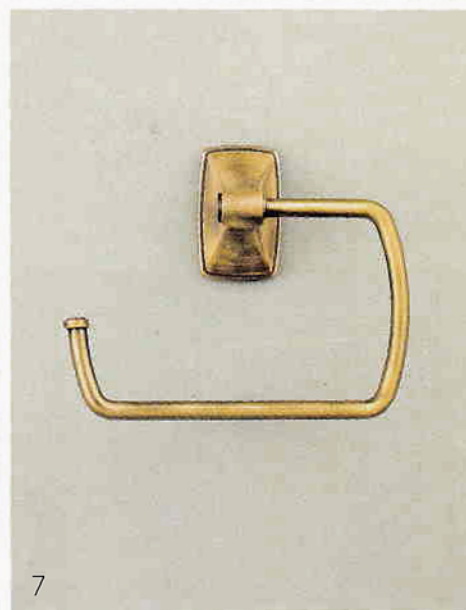
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2 > mix master

SIGNATURE HARDWARE

Made of: Brass and porcelain

Size: 9½"H x 7¾"W x 2¾"D

Highlights: White accents make this bronze-finish ring a standout. \$29; signaturehardware.com

3 > right angle

FRANKLIN BRASS

Made of: Die-cast zinc
Size: 6½"H x 6½"W x 3¾"D

Highlights: A brushed-nickel finish lets the beveled backplate on this open-sided ring really shine. \$19; homedepot.com

4 > big help

IKEA

Made of: Stainless steel and zinc

Size: 9¼"H x 8½"W x 2½"D

Highlights: This sizable chrome-plated open ring could easily handle a bath towel. \$13; ikea.com

5 > fab frame

ATLAS HOMEWARES

Made of: Brass
Size: 5½"H x 7⅞"W x 2⅞"D

Highlights: A glossy gold finish and an eye-catching silhouette give this ring a luxe look. \$104; atlashomewares.com

6 > Tuscan style

TOP KNOBS

Made of: Zinc alloy
Size: 8"H x 7⅞"W x 3½"D

Highlights: This open ring has an antiqued-bronze finish that draws attention to its details. \$71; topknobs.com

7 > gilded age

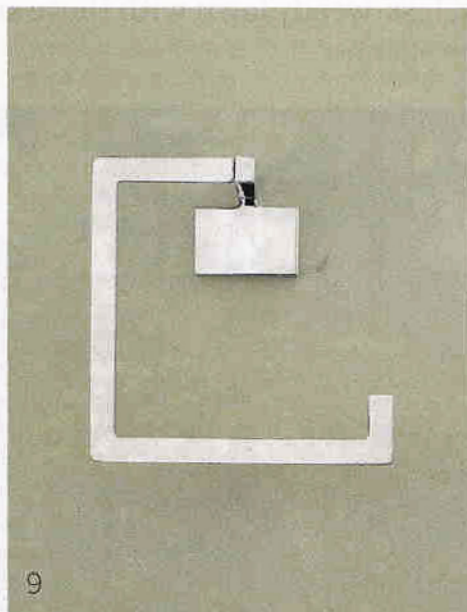
AMEROCK

Made of: Zinc
Size: 5⅞"H x 6⅞"W x 2⅝"D

Highlights: Sized just right for a hand towel, this brushed-gold ring makes a bold statement. \$41; amerock.com



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8 > subtle hint

MOEN

Made of: Stainless-steel-plated zinc alloy
Size: 8³/₈"H × 6"W × 3¹/₄"D

Highlights: Lively coppery glints shine through this model's oil-rubbed bronze finish. \$31; moen.com

9 > high shine

BRIZO

Made of: Zinc, brass, and steel
Size: 6"H × 6"W × 3"D

Highlights: This sleek, open square has a neat, tailored look that can go either traditional or modern. \$116; brizo.com

10 > shape up

DELTA

Made of: Zinc
Size: 7³/₄"H × 7¹/₈"W × 3"D

Highlights: Unmatched finials on the ends distinguish this Victorian-inspired open ring. \$55; deltafaucet.com

11 > heavy metal

RESTORATION
HARDWARE

Made of: Brass
Size: 8¹/₂"H × 7¹/₂"W × 3¹/₂"D

Highlights: A chrome finish enhances this 1930s-influenced style. \$75; restorationhardware.com

12 > on edge

PFISTER

Made of: Zinc
Size: 4¹⁵/₁₆"H × 7¹⁹/₃₂"W × 3¹/₈"D

Highlights: A gleaming distressed finish plays up this oil-rubbed bronze hook's wide, curving arm. \$44; pfisterfaucets.com

13 > fine detail

ATLAS HOMEWARES

Made of: Brass and zinc alloy
Size: 7¹/₈"H × 6¹/₈"W × 2¹/₄"D

Highlights: Brushed nickel shows off the backplate's basket-weave design. \$70; atlashomewares.com