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MODERN DAY BATHROOMS HAVE EVOLVED FAR BEYOND THE LIMITED SPACE THEY ONCE WERE. NOW A HOMEOWNER CAN ESCAPE TO A BLISSFUL SPA GETAWAY IN THE PRIVACY OF THE MASTER BATH.



HEAVENLY BATH - THE HALO FROM MITI BATHS

Today's baths are designed to be functional, clutter free and stylish. According to the National Kitchen and Bath Association's style report, 2015 bathrooms feature a cleaner and more contemporary look. They are sleek, multifunctional, offering relaxation and efficiency as key design elements.

New options include high tech water saving fixtures, usually featured in upscale hotels and spas, and now available to home owners. Water efficient low-flow toilets, sensor-operated faucets, soaking tubs and separate glass shower enclosures with body jets are in demand.

Free standing tubs with deep wells for full-body immersion are also in fashion. Pictured is the new deep soaking tub from MTI Baths called the *Halo*. Its cup like design requires little floor space, yet offers a full immersion soak. Constructed of solid stone, the Halo is extremely durable and easy to maintain.

Where bathrooms are concerned, today's homeowners want it all. More trendy design extras include towel warmers, radiant heated floors, larger mirrors, built-in audio systems, and designer LED lighting.

For a more luxurious ambience, **J. Stephens General Contracting** presents a classic bathroom fit for royalty (pictured). It may be antique in style, but it has all the modern amenities. Separate sinks set in antique cabinets

flank an exquisite vanity. The beautiful tub invites pampering. Large windows allow plenty of natural light.

More about double sink vanities - Katie Di Primo of **Alspaugh Kitchens & Baths** described some of these elements in a warm contemporary bathroom (pictured), where symmetry and seamless details reign. "The floating His and Her vanities (frameless cabinetry in Cherry Espresso) were aligned to mirror each other."

Bathroom floors and walls featuring geometric patterns in stone or tile appear to be the norm. Di Primo continued, "While using the same travertine tile material for the floor and shower conveys continuity, varying the sizes and patterns provide understated interest. A thin, dark frame surrounds the large vanity mirrors, adding another crisp shape to the very geometric design."

Besides granite, quartz is *the* new counter choice for 2015. And in lieu of traditional all-white baths, shades of grey are the fastest-growing color schemes for the bathroom.

Bathroom fixtures manufactured in warm metallic may add a touch of glam. They're available in a variety of interesting finishes and colors of copper, brass and bronze.

All these beautiful options are certain to create bathrooms full of dreamy serenity. So pamper yourself - light some candles, fill a wine glass, turn on the music, and just soak those cares away! **UT**



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