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House Beautiful

“Good design is a balancing act between function, beauty, authenticity, and joy.”

—Barrie Benson, on this family-friendly Charlotte home

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DESIGNER ANNA LISA AVELAR LETS A STAINLESS STEEL TUB BE THE STAR IN A SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, HOME.

Yes, Your Bathroom Still Needs a Bathtub

Reports say that a third of those renovating are removing their tubs. Here's the strong case for keeping them. *By Carisha Swanson*

One thing everyone agrees on: A bathroom renovation is a smart investment. But as homeowners aim for more space, bathtubs are getting washed down the drain. According to a 2018 Houzz study, nearly 34 percent of boomers are nixing their tubs—and replacing them with massive walk-in showers.

Bad idea, say real-estate experts. "I'm now recommending bathtubs to my clients," says Douglas Elliman broker John Gomes. "We're making master bedrooms smaller to create larger bathrooms." The reason is twofold: Bathtubs are great for families—at the end of the day, few kids take showers. And secondly, they facilitate the ultimate method of self-care. **"People are starting to realize the immense benefits to pampering ourselves,"** says designer Matthew Quinn. "It's a luxury to be able to soak and recharge at the end of a long week."

This flotation tub from Toto has an adjustable pillow that boosts relaxation by releasing a gentle flow of warm water onto the neck and shoulders.



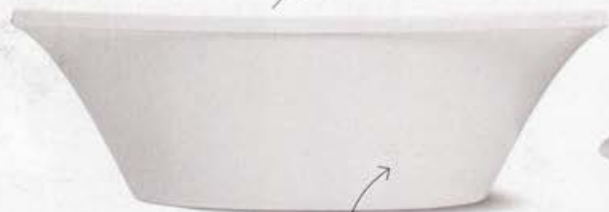
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Classic Moves

Clawfoot-style tubs have staying power beyond any trend. Invest in these to give your home an extra touch of character.



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Kohler's freestanding tub has air jets that release thousands of bubbles to massage your body at your preferred intensity.

The exaggerated Art Deco curves and romantic color of this tub scream glamour.



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Space Saver

The Eldon model was created to give the look of a freestanding tub in a more compact footprint.

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1 Flotation Tub with Zero Dimension Technology. \$18,800. totousa.com

2 Classic Victorian Clawfoot Tub With Cross-Handle Tub Fill. Available in two sizes. From \$4,496. restorationhardware.com

3 The Escal Bubble Massage Freestanding Bathtub. \$6,695. kohler.com

4 Serpentine Cast-Iron Skirted Bathtub. In Deep Water Green. \$8,850. drummonds-uk.com

5 Eldon Tub. \$5,712. vandabaths.com

6 The Town Square S Freestanding Soaking Tub. \$3,200. americanstandard.com

The 17-inch depth makes it ideal for a nice, long soak.



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