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BOLD & BEAUTIFUL BLACK

by Linda Jennings

The use of black as a key accent in the bath is trending in new home design and tops the list for renovations. A matte noir faucet, black vanity, or black on white tub injects flair to an otherwise mundane space creating a sophisticated yet bold look. Ideal for all bath design styles from modern to art deco and all themes in between. Create these eye-popping looks and enjoy a space that's elevated to first class.

FREE-FLOWING DRAMA

The Serie 260 collection from the Isenberg Design Lab, offers an intriguing blend of structure and ease. The base of the faucet is softly curved with graceful lines inspired by gently flowing water, while the straight spout is elegant in its geometric simplicity. The overall effect is remarkable, perfectly pairing organic shapes with a contemporary sophistication that makes it a true standout. Serie 260 is available in single-hole or wide-spread designs with sleek handles that add visual interest and echo the minimalist vibe of the spout. The Serie 260 is a smart choice for creating a coordinated look in the bath with floor mount, wall mount and deck mount variations offered in chrome and brushed or polished nickel as well as matte black.

BROOKLYN-INSPIRED

The Blake tub from MTI Baths was born from a creative partnership with renowned NYC design firm Studio DB as part of an upscale Brooklyn condominium project. The result was so successful that The Blake launched as part of their exclusive Boutique Collection available to designers and builders alike as a luxurious soaker or air bath. This sleek tub is notable for its distinctive lip that accentuates its elegant silhouette and contrasting exterior matte black color. Available in material colors of white or biscuit, in either matte or hand-finished deep high-gloss, with eight optional exterior colors - a great choice for those who want to add colorful contrast to an all-white bathroom. The Blake is crafted from MTI's proprietary SculptureStone, a 70% mostly organic mixture of natural minerals mixed with high-performance resins to create a molded stone appearance that is solid, non-porous and resistant to stains, mold and mildew.

MODERN METAL

The Zoe from The Furniture Guild is a beautiful Mid-Century Modern vanity that offers stunning metal accents and clever storage solutions in a dramatic onyx finish! It features distinctive metal trim that surrounds the single

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2020 SUNBELT BUILDERS SHOW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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TUESDAY, JULY 14

- 8 – 9:30 a.m. TAB: Texas Housing Hall of Honor Board of Governors Meeting
- 9 – 10:30 a.m. TAB: Developers Council Meeting
- 1 – 3 p.m. TAB: Government Relations Committee Meeting
- 3:15 – 4:45 p.m. HOMEPAC Trustees Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. FUNdango & Washers Tournaments \$

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

- 8 – 9 a.m. TAB: Membership Committee Meeting
- 8 – 9 a.m. TAB: Local Presidents Meeting
- 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. EDU: *Managing Customer Expectations*. Presented by Stephen Kasper, John Todd, Michael Turner
- 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. DEMO: *Writing Better Plumbing Specifications*. Presented by FlowGuard Gold® Plumbing Systems
- 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. EDU: *Stop Promising and Start Delivering: 10 Simple Strategies to Close the Gap*. Presented by Beverly Koehn
- 1:30 – 2 p.m. DEMO: *The Top Construction Defects of 2019 and How to Avoid Them*. Presented by Burgess Construction Consultants, Inc.
- 2 – 3 p.m. EDU: *Best Practices In Construction*. Presented by Spencer Padgett
- 2:30 – 3 p.m. DEMO: *Flashing & Air Sealing Techniques for Exterior Doors*. Presented by DuPont
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. EDU: *2020 Economic and Real Estate Outlook*. Presented by TBD
- 8 – 11 p.m. YP's Builders' Bash concert featuring Stoney LaRue with special guest Heather Linn & the Deacons \$

THURSDAY, JULY 16

- 7:45 – 9:15 a.m. TAB: Texas Executive Officers Council
- 7:45 – 9:15 a.m. TAB: Codes & Standards Committee
- 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. EDU: *Restoring Pride in the Trades: A Case Study on Creating a High School Tiny House Program*. Presented by Todd Eidson & Richard Laughlin
- 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. DEMO: *Installing a Gas Fire Feature*. Presented by Warming Trends®
- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. EDU: *Crisis Communication via Social Media*. Presented by Phil Crone
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. EDU: *Design Trends & What Buyers Want*. Presented by Jenifer Wiley
- 1:30 – 2 p.m. DEMO: *Smart Living with Solar plus Storage*. Presented by Longhorn Solar with Adapt Energy
- 3 – 5:30 p.m. TAB: Texas Builders Foundation Meeting
- 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. DEMO: *Zoning Comfort Solutions*. Presented by ZoneFirst
- 6 – 8:30 p.m. Star Awards & Excellence under 45 Reception & Awards Presentation \$

FRIDAY, JULY 17

- 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. TAB: Executive Committee Meeting
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. TAB: Board of Directors Meeting

KEY:

EDU – Education Sessions
DEMO – Demonstration Sessions

TAB – Texas Association of Builders Conference Meetings
\$ – Ticketed Events

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drawer face, a metal finger pull, and handcrafted metal feet. Zoe provides ample storage for bathroom necessities with a clever drawer-in-drawer storage system featuring a full-height drawer face that conceals a split interior with a deep bottom drawer and a shorter version

above. Zoe's interior can be upgraded to a handsome walnut finish with interior lights, glass dividers and inserts, and a hairdryer holder. Each Zoe vanity is custom made to order by skilled craftsmen with no assembly line production.