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When it comes to specifying fixtures for your next remodeling project there are many options and if American-made is a priority then you'll want to check out these brands. From furniture handcrafted by local artisans to bath fixtures manufactured with customized care these companies take great pride in being American-owned companies with products made in the USA!

CRAFTED TO PERFECTION

As the curator of fine bath products – from tubs to counter-sinks – MTI Baths can attribute its success to its unmatched degree of quality and craftsmanship. Each product is built to order and handcrafted by artisans here in the USA. There are no robots in MTI's production facilities – only real people creating exceptional products, one careful step at a time. And even with nearly limitless customization options, most MTI products ship within seven business days, the fastest in the industry. Shown here is the award-winning Juliet freestanding tub, characterized by an asymmetrical design and the streamlined Wymara 2 sink. Part of their Boutique Collection, Juliet and Wymara are constructed using MTI's proprietary SculptureStone® material that is approximately 70% organic materials and 100% solid throughout. The non-porous surface is extremely durable, resistant to stains and scratches, and is easy to clean and maintain. They are offered in white or biscuit in both matte and a hand-polished deep gloss finish.



RIGHT AT HOME

The Furniture Guild, known for heirloom-quality bath vanities, has expanded into the world of home furnishings with a new line of handcrafted high-end furniture. Their first offering in this new arena is the Josie Collection, a beautiful Mid Century Modern style line of bedroom furnishings based on their popular vanity by the same name. Crafted by hand in Georgia, the Josie Collection includes dressers, nightstands and a writing desk in a range of sizes with details like solid brass legs and brass-banded inset drawers. The bedroom line features all the customization options common in the brand's signature line of bathroom vanities. Panel finishes range from traditional and exotic wood stains to a rainbow of painted colors, and the metal trim is available in eight distinctive finishes. Customization options are available for the interiors too, including walnut drawers with glass dividers and jar inserts, in-drawer LED lighting, and a built-in charging station. Create a cohesive look in the bed and bath suite with made to order pieces made in the USA by skilled craftsmen and artisans.



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Innovation is abundant with these new products that exceed expectations in both style and function. From the Dutch modern aesthetic of minimalistic drains to trendy door hardware and marine-grade shower systems that perform in the most demanding environments, here are a few that are heating up building and renovation projects this summer!



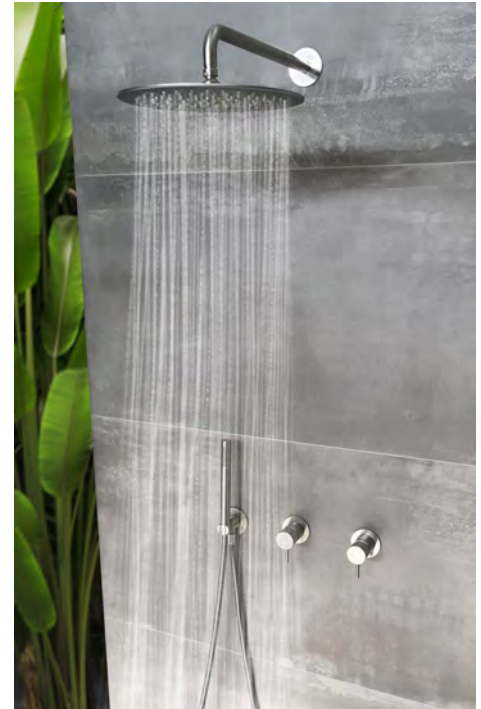
NEARLY INVISIBLE AND STYLISH

Upgrade to a stylish and barrier-free bathroom suitable for any age with the S-Line Easy Drain from ESS. The Dutch brand's newest invisible and stylish linear shower drain is equipped with their patented TAF and WPS systems. The TAF system has been specially developed to enable secondary drainage, and the patented sealing membrane system (WPS) is pre-assembled. This way, a complete watertight installation and an efficient secondary drainage, when needed, is guaranteed. This means 100% water tightness and perfect tile finish that is backed with a 10-year total warranty. The new S-line comes in 5 standard lengths in a brushed stainless steel finish that will look like new use after use. easydrainusa.com



SPACE-SAVING DOORS

Sliding barn doors are another one of today's hottest interior design trends. They transform something basic - an ordinary door - into a dramatic focal point that is both aesthetically pleasing and fully functional. Ageless Iron makes it easy to capture this rustic charm with their complete collection of sliding Barn Door Hardware. This new Barn Door Hardware offers consistent performance, fantastic durability and long-lasting beauty. The collection includes an expertly engineered track crafted from heavy-duty powder coated steel for smooth operation and a choice of a grip or pull. agelessironhardware.com



ALFRESCO SHOWERING

Bathrooms are in high demand these days with so many people in the house all the time. One creative solution may be to install an outdoor shower. It's a great way to alleviate overcrowding in the bathroom and add a unique option to enhance outdoor living. Danish plumbing designer and manufacturer QTOO offers a marine-grade stainless steel shower system that is extremely durable and easily withstands environmental demands. Each QTOO outdoor shower system features a volume control diverter with a two-way function for precise control over water flow and temperature. The system includes a head shower and baton hand sprayer and comes in an elegant brushed or polished finish. qtoobath.com