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Refresh Your Project With Updated Hardware And Fixture Options In Chic Gold Tones

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Whether you're renovating or just looking for a fresh update, adding new hardware inside and out is a great way to get an instant refresh. From modern and farmhouse styles to contemporary cottages, today's new gold-toned finishes add a glamour factor of luxury and



Isenberg Serie 260 in Satin Brass

Brass finishes are back in a big way, but not the flashy way that was popular during the 80s. Today's preferred brass is Satin Brass, a dramatic yet refined look that brings a warm glow to any surroundings and has a lovely matte finish that naturally hides water spots and fingerprints. Satin brass is soft with a hint of sparkle and goes well with many backgrounds, from traditional white to darker colors. Isenberg has recently introduced a Satin Brass option for their Serie 260 Collections of faucets and fixtures for basins, tubs, showers and bidets. The rounded base of the faucet and flat lines of the spout create a nice contrast that pairs well with the gleam of Satin Brass. The full range of components in the collection makes it simple to outfit a beautifully cohesive bathroom. All Isenberg fixtures are made with solid premium brass, meticulously finished and backed by a Limited Lifetime Warranty.

Another clever way to introduce Satin Brass into the bathroom is through furnishings. The Furniture Guild creates heirloom-quality vanities with a variety of metal trimmings, from beautiful inlays to sturdy bases. Their latest offering is a decorative metal banding that wraps the edges of vanity doors and drawers in a solid brass trim. The effect is very elegant, a small yet opulent detail that sophistication! Updating knobs, pulls, entry hardware, faucets, fixtures and even house numbers is a great way to increase the style factor in any home. Modernizing hardware is economical and an easy task for do-ityourselfers. Check this off your to-do list!



The Furniture Guild's Lylah with Band I trim and I IRBAR pulls in Satin Brass

makes the bathroom feel rich and luxurious. Only a hint of metal trim is visible when doors and drawers are closed for a subtly refined look. The Furniture Guild achieves a beautiful Satin Brass finish by first polishing the brass, then applying a soft texture by hand and coating with a urethan topcoat for impressive durability.

One of today's most popular finishes in home décor is Matte Gold, and this is spilling over to the front door.



Modern House Numbers by Emtek from MyKnobs.com

Gold-toned house numbers look particularly dramatic when set against a white or black background and add a touch of luxury and sophistication. A great example is the Emtek Modern Collection available on MyKnobs.com. Browse a variety of styles and select the Gold Matte finish, then choose new door hardware to match. It is a simple update that will make any house the centerpiece of the neighborhood.

The exquisite Stella Crystal Knob by Viaggio Hardware makes a memorable first impression in a Satin Brass finish. The Stella knob is perfect for interior doors too and elevates any design space with luxurious sophistication. The contemporary, one-of-a-kind Stella Crystal Knob is exclusive to Viaggio and cannot be found anywhere else. The lead-free crystal knobs are perfectly clear and blemish-free. Each is meticulously shaped and polished with sculptural arcs and angles that add visual and tactile interest. Built on a base of solid forged brass, the hardware sets are carefully constructed with no visible fasteners. The company's signature Concealed Screw Mechanism (CSM) neatly hides all installation apparatus, creating a sleek and clean finished look. All these thoughtful touches help set the Viaggio brand apart from competitors in the market. The difference is obvious at first touch, with the heft and density of each piece easily felt by hand.



Viaggio Hardware's Stella Crystal Knob with Circolo Linen Rosette in Satin Brass

Marble Rails, a beautiful new option that brings the opulence of marble to the bathroom and pairs it with the brand's signature brassware. These brilliant rails efficiently radiate heat to gently warms towels. The new Marble Rails feature the same dry line heating cables that Sterlingham towel warmers have used for more than 30 years. Their products are made and sourced in England, combining advanced technology and time-honored techniques to produce remarkable brassware of lasting beauty and reliable performance. As part of the popular Cascades Collection, Marble Rails feature a sleek, spacesaving design that consumes less wall area than traditional warmers. The single rails may be hung alone or stacked and arranged in nearly any formation. Measuring nearly 24" long, the rails are cleverly installed with hidden wall mounts for a seamless look. They are offered in a selection of five distinctive marbles: Nero Marquina, Bardiglio Nuvolato, Bianco Carrara Venatino, Calacatta Gold Calo-Bett, and Giallo Sienna and available in the brand's stunning line-up of sixteen modern finishes.



Sterlingham Company's Marble Rails in Polished Gold finish

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