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Freestanding Tubs Are The Focal Point For Wellness And Renewal

The perfect bath design begins and ends with an exceptional tub, especially during these stressful times when pursuing wellness at home has become not just desirable but essential. It's no wonder that the freestanding tub – which was already gaining momentum – has become a must-have upgrade for homeowners across the country. From elegant sculptural shapes to organic materials, the tub has

rightly assumed its position as the lead fixture in today's bathroom design. A freestanding tub inspires a sense of renewal and feels like a five-star hotel where relaxation and pampering abound. Here is a sampling of the newest styles of tubs that help to create a bathroom space that is both classic and contemporary and also offers therapy options to enhance wellness for the whole family.



MTI Baths' Alva tub

A NEW CURVE ON BEAUTIFUL DESIGN

With graceful curves and an elegant silhouette, the Alva tub by MTI Baths is the perfect embodiment of the brand's The Bath as Art® philosophy that blends high-end style and sensual beauty with personal wellness. The freestanding Alva has an organic oval-shaped bowl that rests snugly on a low-profile base, bringing a sleek, luxurious look to today's modern bathrooms. Measuring 74" x 36" x 20", the Alva is a soaker tub with a semi-rolled rim and a continuously curved interior bowl that is generously sized to accommodate two bathers with comfortably sloped backrests. It is crafted from MTI's proprietary SculptureStone®, a largely organic blend of natural minerals and high-performance resins that creates the look and feel of molded stone. Each tub is completely solid with a non-porous surface that is easy to clean and resistant to stains, mold and mildew. Alva tubs are offered in a soft

matte white finish or optional hand-polished deep gloss. The exterior may also be ordered in a choice of six colors, including dramatic hues such as sapphire blue, terracotta and onyx. Each tub is handcrafted in the USA and finished according to MTI's demanding standards of quality and excellence.

STRIKING LINEAR FORMS

Straight lines mark the silhouette of the modern Apex bathtub, perfect for the minimalist. Its sloping sides have been designed with the comfort of the user in mind, who can choose between two sizes: a 59" or 66" bathtub. The sleek lines and roomy interior makes a decided statement about style and yet offers blissful comfort. The more daring can create a dramatic focal point by choosing from a range of colors available for a striking freestanding bathtub with integrated overflow. The Apex tub measures a roomy 66" x 33" x 24" and is made from Acquabella's signature



Acquabella's Apex tub

Dolotek© material, a superior mineral composite that is silky smooth to the touch and forms a flawless finished surface. With an amazingly durable and easy-to-clean antibacterial surface, Dolotek is a practical choice for today's bathrooms. The Apex tub is offered in a beautiful snow white with either a matte or gloss finish, or four other exterior color options, including black and snow white as shown.

THE BEAUTY OF BALANCE

BainUltra brings symmetry to their Libra Collection with the addition of a second freestanding tub – the Libra Oval 6635. This newest iteration features the same harmonious flow and celestial inspiration that is a signature of the Libra line and adds a graceful oval-shaped shell with raised ends. The look is elegant and refined, allowing the simple purity of classic design to elevate the entire bathroom into a sanctuary of wellness and relaxation. The Libra Oval is slightly larger than its counterpart, measuring a generous 66" x 35" x 27" with longer and deeper dimensions that easily accommodate two bathers. Symmetrical raised ends provide comfortable headrests while molded armrests ensure a supremely restful bathing experience. As with all BainUltra designs, the Libra Oval is crafted from 100% pure acrylic and meticulously polished by hand to create a non-porous surface that is exceedingly durable and easy to maintain. Choose from a beautiful glossy white finish, a dramatic black and white combination, or the brand's sumptuous UltraVelour matte finish. BainUltra extends the full range of their luxurious therapy options to the newest Libra model in two distinct configurations, either a soaker or Thermomasseur collection for unparalleled indulgence.



BainUltra's Libra Oval tub

To find out more about the freestanding tubs mentioned here, visit their websites:
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