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Transitional Design: Where Classic Meets Modern

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WHEN THE IMMUTABLE ELEGANCE of traditional style merges with the sleek austerity of contemporary cool, the result is a simple yet sophisticated look known as transitional design. Warm and inviting without being too fussy, transitional works well for those wanting the best of two disparate design worlds. Something comfortable but not too laid back; easy and casual yet still chic and refined.

Transitional style is always current and on-trend, yet it also recalls previous styles and past generations. One key to successfully pulling off a transitional décor is keeping a warm palette with muted tones and minimal ornamentation to create an inviting feeling for the home.

Combining contemporary and traditional decors is a balancing act that results in a singular style destined to be appreciated for years to come. Reinvent your space with these fine transitional products for the kitchen, bath and beyond.

French Connection

MTI Baths captures the glamour of vintage Paris and infuses a modern sensibility with its stunning

Parisian 2 freestanding tub. As the very embodiment of nostalgia, this luxurious rectangular tub has a substantial presence and is destined to be a showpiece in any bathroom. Its curved rim and shapely silhouette are pleasing to the eye and flow neatly into charming bun feet.

Measuring a generous 72 inches long, this is a tub with room enough for two bathers and includes dual reclined backrests for a most relaxing soak. The Parisian 2 is seamlessly fashioned from MTI's Acrylic CXL or DoloMatte material and features its proprietary handcrafted sculpted finish. The bun feet, which add big style impact, are manufactured from SculptureStone with options for a matte or glossy finish.

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MTI Baths' Parisian 2 freestanding tub with bun feet.



ABOVE: The Furniture Guild's Lydia vanity.

BELOW: The above-counter porcelain sink from Lenova with Apogee faucet.

Custom Looks in A Hurry

Great transitional design has a signature — a distinctive element adding beauty and depth and elevates a space from ordinary to something special. The Furniture Guild offers an elegant yet practical addition to the bathroom with its popular transitional vanity, the Lydia. Generously sized to neatly store all manner of linens and toiletries, the Lydia brings an impressive minimalist style to a master bath or guest suite.

The vanity features minimalist lines and decorative metallic trim highlighting vertical drawer fronts. It is available as a wall-mounted unit or as a freestanding model with exposed legs. The Lydia comes in sizes ranging from 24 inches to 72 inches in single- or double-bowl designs.

Use the online configurator to customize the Lydia in all manner of finishes, including traditional and exotic woods, matte and high gloss options, from

understated grays to brilliant blues to striking reds, and even custom paint colors. Heirloom-quality vanities from the Furniture Guild create the perfect focal point in the bath and are destined to be a perennial favorite.

A Notch Above

Vessel sinks are a favorite look from years past that has been enthusiastically embraced by today's designers and homeowners. Perched atop the vanity, above-counter sinks are stylish, versatile, easily installed and include the bonus feature of freeing up valuable storage space.

Lenova has a new line of porcelain vessel sinks in a selection of dramatic shapes that add even more style impact. Choose from round, rectangular and square designs, all made from Lenova's own high-quality fine porcelain clay. After blending with a special mix of materials, each sink is molded to shape and heated to more than 2,400 F.

Lenova relies on a rich history of porcelain-making experience along with the latest advancements to create a high-end line of handcrafted sinks. Pair any Lenova sink with its own Apogee faucet, a premium solid brass fixture offered with top-quality ceramic cartridges

New Spin on Classic Design

The new Monviso tub by Acquabella is an effortless blend of the past and present, melding two differentiated styles into one harmonious design. This freestanding bath pays homage to a retro inspiration and adds a contemporary twist, making this particular tub a smart choice for fans of transitional style.

It is seamlessly sculpted from the company's signature Dolotek material, an innovative engineered solid stone blend of natural stone and specialty resins. Its inherent ability to retain heat and absorb sounds makes for an incredible bathing experience. The tub has the added benefits of being eco-friendly, exceptionally durable and easy to maintain.

Monviso measures 67 inches by 33 inches and is offered in a gorgeous Snow White hue with a matte finish.



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Inspired by the Sea

The distinctive Seashore Series of kitchen and bar faucets by Mico Designs offers a transitional style that works especially well in homes with a "coastal chic" interior. The beachy look is created through a mix of light colors, textures and finishes to achieve a cozy, relaxed space perfect for transitional elements. The Seashore faucet is particularly notable for its distinctive handle design and shapely silhouette with either a straight or arched spout.

Designed in New York and crafted in Italy, this beautiful faucet is made from lead-free solid brass and includes a handy side sprayer, premium ceramic disc cartridges and stainless-steel inlet hoses. The collection is offered in five finishes — brushed nickel, polished chrome, polished nickel, mahogany bronze and oil-rubbed bronze — and delivers impressive flair and reliable performance.

Stylish Reflections

The new Industrial Mirrors by The Sterlingham Co. are a wonderful addition to any transitional design space. Available in round, oval and rectangular designs, these mirrors feature a textured knurled detailing that inspires a throw-back industrial vibe as well as an edgy modern feel.

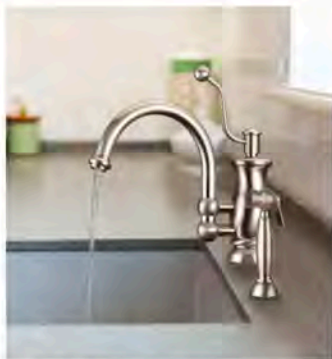
Each mirror is made from high-quality, 6mm-thick mirrored glass, held securely in place with wall brackets at the top and bottom. The brackets are offered in a selection of 16 finishes, including gun metal, brushed brass, polished nickel and matte black. All components are polished by hand before assembly, and each mirror is meticulously inspected to ensure a perfect finish.

The Industrial Frameless Mirror is a defining style element in any room, from the bedroom or bathroom to the living room or hallway.

Pulling for Transitional Style

An easy way to enhance the transitional style of any room is through hardware. It's one of those small-but-important details that can make or break a design space.

The Urban Modern Pull by Emtek is a great choice for savvy homeowners. The style is minimalistic with a hint of classic overtones. The pulls may be used with



ABOVE: The Seashore kitchen faucet by Mico Designs.

RIGHT: Sterlingham Company Ltd's Industrial Mirrors.

pull plates or alone and are available in a variety of sizes, finishes and installation options. The Emtek brand is known for excellence in craftsmanship and offers styles ranging from rustic to art deco.

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