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Trending In Kitchen And Bath Design: Luxury Simplified

Engineered stone shower bases and trays transform the shower experience while matte white is having a moment for fixtures! And hidden assets to elevate the space!

By Linda Jennings

Always with an eye on kitchen and bath design trends - welcome to an awakened bath category - shower bases and trays! This new generation of shower solutions offers a luxury vibe with added benefits that include accessibility for all, a waterproof shower environment, and modern and subtle hues ideal for new builds and

renovation. The look today is clean and minimalist, so it's no surprise that the latest fixtures are in gorgeous shades of matte white! This round-up of new trends covers all the bases when it comes to kitchen and bath design.



Artesa Shower Base from MTI Baths

Shower Floors Re-Imagined

The new Cosmopolitan Collection from MTI Baths offers builders a chic selection of shower bases that brings modern flair and sophistication to the bathroom. With an array of styles, sizes, textures and colors to choose from, the Cosmopolitan shower base offers an impressive level of flexibility and is a smart choice for any bathroom remodel or design plan. The Shower Bases in the Cosmopolitan Collection have a sleek and clean aesthetic with no unsightly grout lines to maintain – perfect for a minimalistic space. The bases are offered in three styles: Lado, an end drain with a uniquely curved matching end drain cover; Centrar, a center drain with unique cover; and Artesa, a covered trough end drain. Available with two different organic texture options and four color



Centrar Shower Base from MTI Baths

options: white, gray, black and sand. They feature low-profile designs with multiple thresholds for the ultimate in installation flexibility. The shallow design allows them to be neatly recessed into the floor for a seamless look, while the low-profile silhouette promotes easy entrance and exit for people of all ages and abilities.

Like all products in the Cosmopolitan Collection, the bases are crafted from Cast Engineered Stone, using MTI's signature mineral composite blend of organic Dolomitic Limestone. After a proprietary process, the bases are finished by hand for amazing durability and lasting beauty. The result is a non-porous surface that is resistant to scratches, stains, mold and mildew, and is easy to clean and maintain. Its one-piece design is factory-installed and equipped with a tile flange for a water-tight fit. The Cosmopolitan Collection also includes a high-style line of freestanding tubs and distinctive sinks to complete the ultimate en suite bathroom design.



BLANCO's LINUS Kitchen Faucet in Soft White

White Haute Kitchen Faucet

Blanco's Linus kitchen faucet offers a minimalistic, angular design in a variety of nature-inspired hues, including new Soft White, an airy dove gray influenced by organic, untreated elements. LINUS kitchen faucets have a minimalistic, angular design with an insulated pull-out handspray. The sleek low-profile design is ideal for kitchens with limited overhead space. The LINUS is available in a wealth of additional finishes: from Chrome or PVD Steel, to full finish color options. This contemporary collection is designed to perfectly match with all of the brand's SILGRANIT sink colors.

A New Motif For Modern Showers

Acquabella believes no detail is too small when it comes to creating beautiful bathrooms. The global brand has given their popular Base collection of shower trays a fresh design update with a new drain cover. The new MIA grid design features a pleasing pattern of circles and ovals inspired by water drops – how perfect for a shower! MIA drains are available in two materials: Inox, a high-quality stainless steel or Akron. This proprietary Engineered Solid Stone blend is incredibly strong and durable. Base shower trays offer exceptional design flexibility with options for drain placement in the center or towards the end of the tray. The collection includes a square tray as well as rectangular designs measuring up to 36" x 66", and are

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Base Shower Tray in Show White with Mia Drain

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trends with our working partners. Also, our clients bring new design concepts to implement into their spaces. It may not be a specific product, color, or finish, but a concept that is entirely out of the box, and we must turn it into reality. As in any business, there is a need to keep educating, growing, and being exposed to the newest trends in the market.

MWG INNOVATIONS: Any last thoughts or comments?

Melissa Snow: The remodeling or building of a home is an enormous task. Take it day by day but be prepared to have the selections the builder or remodeler needs to make sure your project stays on track. Select an organized, creative,

and personable interior designer.

Whoever you choose will listen to your desires and incorporate them into your space. It is a good idea to have a key individual to lead you in your final selections so there will be no costly mistakes.

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crafted Akron, which is trimmable for a “made-to-measure” feature, allowing easy installation in a flush-to-floor fit or standard with a small lip. Bare feet will appreciate the tactile sensations of two high-definition textured finishes – the cement-inspired Beton and the luxurious Slate. Color choices include the traditional snow white shown here as well as light gray, dark gray, black and latte.

Seamless Shower Trays Lengthened With Style

Acquabella breaks with tradition by placing the drain on the tray’s longest side with their new LARGO shower tray. This strategic shift creates more options for installation configurations and adds a gentle slope as a subtle design element. The LARGO COLLECTION is offered in a range of versatile sizes and is crafted in Akron, a proprietary Engineered Solid Stone blend that is incredibly strong and durable. The non-slip surfaces make for a safer shower environment and are extremely durable and easy to maintain. The collection is available in five color options and two textured finishes - Slate finish, which mimics the effect of natural stone, or Beton, which imitates the look



Largo Shower Tray In Light Gray

of cement. The collection includes a variety of options up to 36” x 66”, and are trimmable for a “made-to-measure” feature, allowing easy installation. Their low profile design makes the shower easily accessible for all with a recessed installation for flush-to-floor fit or standard with a small lip.

To find out more about the hardware and fixture products mentioned here, visit their websites:

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