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## Gorgeous Designer-Inspired Bath Trends Infused with Joy

These products are made from the highest-quality components and share a devotion to great design, regardless of style.



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**CREATE A JOYFUL SPACE** with fixtures and fittings celebrating great design aesthetics. A well-designed bath expresses the owner's personality with unique products, creating a wonderful sanctuary for bathing and renewal.

We invite you to discover an amazing selection of new designs from the plumbing market. Our discoveries include beautiful tubs crafted from distinctive materials, dramatic console sinks with rich finishes and intricately detailed hardware.

These and other must-have products remind us of the value of simple but distinctive, well-crafted pieces. We love how they enhance a room without overpowering it, often adding new colors, textures and finishes to enliven established decors.

Here are a few selections for bath design luxury products that caught our eye.

### Timeless Elegance

Featuring a classical design beautifully coordinating with almost any interior, the Ball Foot vanity console showcases Palmer Industries' unique ball-and-socket corner joint. With its sharp lines and visual heft, it is paired with perfectly matching ball feet. The console is available in two-, three-, four-, five- and custom-leg configurations.

It is offered in 15 stunning finishes: polished chrome, polished nickel, satin nickel, aged nickel, semi-matte black powder coat, lacquered and unlacquered polished brass, lacquered or waxed satin brass, aged brass, oil-rubbed bronze, polished brass, satin brass, polished gold and satin gold.



**Palmer Industries' Ball Foot vanity, designed by Monika Hibbs**

### Inspired by Nature

Acquabella brings the mesmerizing beauty of nature into the bathroom with its latest design masterpiece — the award-winning Stelvio oval vessel basin. Its singular textured surface mimics the intricacy of a sparkling multifaceted diamond or the natural cuts of a mighty iceberg. As the natural centerpiece of any design space, Stelvio is built to look good from every angle.

It measures 22 inches long by 15 inches wide and 6 inches deep, providing ample space for daily bathing rituals. Stelvio is crafted from Acquabella's signature mineral composite material, offering a silky, smooth-to-the-touch flawless finish. The easy-to-clean antibacterial surface is incredibly durable and resistant to UV rays and thermal shock.

The standard finish is gloss white but can be ordered in matte white,



**Stelvio vessel basin by Acquabella**

matte gray, matte charcoal, matte sand and matte black.

### Warmth of Wood

From an architecture and design studio in the heart of Austria comes a tub that awakens the senses! The Shell bathtub from Nina Mair is an exquisite tub carved from a solid block of aromatic walnut using a precision CNC milling machine. It is refined, polished and oiled by hand



**Shell bathtub by Nina Mair**



numerous times. With Nina Mair's attention to detail, this concept is at the edge of what is possible — a wooden bathtub that is durable yet delicate.

The elaborate production process includes precise positioning of every corner and curve, and the ergonomic optimization of every radius and incline. Ideal for one or two bathers, the wooden tub measures nearly 74 inches long.

The Shell Collection includes coordinating sinks and vanities for a complete suite. The sophisticated drain and overflow lie flush with the bathtub's surface, disappearing into its form.

### Suspended in Bathing Luxury

Alfi brand's latest tub innovation, the Hammock Tub2, fully submerges your body in an ergonomic position for the ultimate relaxing bathing experience. This elevated bathtub hangs suspended from the floor and reinvents bathroom design.

Made of smooth, solid-surface, resin-composite material with a black matte finish, it retains heat very well, and is extremely durable and resilient to scratches and stains. This tub features wide edges and full-length metal support beams to ensure stable installation and a seamless, unrivaled look. Offered in both black matte or white matte colors.

### Gleaming in Gold

With a gleaming satin-gold exterior and graceful oval silhouette, the beautiful Sinatra vessel sink is an opulent state-



Ruvati's Sinatra vessel sink



Alfi brand Hammock Tub2

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ment piece designed to coordinate with Ruvati's freestanding tub. Crafted in Italy by skilled artisans, the Sinatra is a true masterpiece of functional design.

It is made from Ruvati's signature epiStone, an exclusive blend of organic crushed stone and minerals with proprietary resins to create an incredibly durable solid surface. It has the look of natural stone, yet it is silky smooth to the touch with a seamless, nonporous surface that is easy to clean and maintain.

As we made our design selections this month, we noticed they shared certain characteristics despite coming from different brands. All are made from the highest-quality components and crafted to exacting standards. They share a devotion to great design, regardless of style, and are made with longevity in mind.

These are investment pieces built to last and bring beauty to their surroundings for years to come. We look forward to continuing our design search in the months ahead. ♦

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