

sink sensations

New designs that solve bathroom space problems—with style

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lanning to remodel a bathroom, or just want to give one a fresh, new look? Think sink. It's the focal point of the bathroom, much the way the sofa is in the living room. As a result, manufacturers are turning out ever more beautiful designs, in a wider range of materials, including stone, stainless steel, and wood. Many of the new lavs are also problem solvers, shaped and scaled to better accommodate the space you have to work with, no matter how big, small, awkward, or short on storage. (Be warned, though: Standout looks and special features command more than standard prices.) For a range of sinks worth a closer look, read on.



A lot of impact from diminutive dimensions: This slim, trim 19½-in.-wide-by-9½-in.-deep rectangular basin can be installed on top of (or recessed into) a counter, console, or cabinet. Made of fireclay, by Catalano; \$495.

small wonders

A space-saving mini sink makes a big style impact in a tiny powder room or hall bath.



1) WALL HUGGER Measuring just 19½ in. wide by 9¼ in. deep, this rectangular sink saves space two ways—making room for a door swing and for other fixtures along the same wall. Made of white vitreous china, by Porcher; \$225.

2) TRADITIONAL CHARM Set on a detailed pedestal, this shell-shaped basin with its integral backsplash tucks into a corner. And it takes up a mere 24½ in. from side to side. Made of white vitreous china, by Kalista; \$545.

3) MODERN CLASSIC A reproduction of a 1920s design, this white ceramic pedestal sink looks equally at home in a period or contemporary bath. At 19½ in. wide by 16½ in. deep, it fits in almost any space. By A.F. & Co; \$620.

4) COOL BEAUTY Our hard image of industrial materials gets thrown a curve with this rounded, satin-finish stainless steel sink. Only 19 in. wide by 18½ in. deep, the wall-hung design is at once warm and sleek. By Neo-Metro; \$1,635.

super-sized

At 36 to 44 inches wide, these models can accommodate two people at a time.



5) SUBTLE COLOR This 2-in.-thick gray enameled lavastone console top measures 42 in. wide, offering a lot of counter space for toiletries. It also provides a handsome counterpoint to its under-counter basin and square legs, both made of black fireclay. By Kohler; \$3,179.

6) OLD-WORLD CHARM Based on a 19th-century French design, this 43½-in.-wide-by-24½-in.-deep double-bowl fireclay porcelain console with Queen Anne legs will add a romantic note to a master bath. By St. Thomas Creations; \$2,595.

7) SCULPTED WOOD Made of African iroko with a high-luster resin finish impervious to water, this rectangular sink's wide 37½-in. deck curves gently in front and dips dramatically in the center to form a round basin. It has a built-in soap dish and chrome console legs. By Image; \$4,801.

storage solutions

Built-in shelves, racks, and drawers let you stash plenty of bath gear.



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8) TOP DRAWER Here's a vanity with the look of an antique dresser. The mahogany cabinet—a perfect place to keep towels—is topped with a marble counter and back-splash and an undermount vitreous china lav. By Kalista; \$4,732.

9) PLAIN AND SIMPLE A study in rectilinear design, this squared-off white porcelain sink sits neatly on a small (23½-by-21½-in.) white vanity cabinet that hides items from view behind a single door. By Waterworks; \$2,105.

10) EURO-STYLE This wall-mounted sink has a generous half-circle freeclay deck (39½ by 22½ in.) and integral basin, which appear to float above its chrome towel bar and accessory rack. By Barclay; \$1,500.

11) NICE CURVES A marble countertop, with its ceramic undermount basin, hugs the contours of this sleek cherry vanity. It includes two banks of drawers for maximum storage. By Devinci; \$6,895.