

Fabulous FURNITURE

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tub for accent items, such as plants and scented candles. Some people like to have decorative fiberglass columns for a classic look.

Remember the single lighting element over the sink, the one that gave you dark circles under your eyes even after a good night's sleep? It's out. Canister lighting is in - it's nice, bright and airy, and doesn't create shadows, on you or the room. Stevens recommends a rheostat that will enable you to adjust the light to your mood.

According to Stevens, white is still the most popular color for fixtures, and cabinetry is lighter in tone. Maple with a light stain has replaced darker oak.

Certain spartan types dash in and out of the shower as though the shark from the movie "Jaws" was at the other side of the drain. Sybarites among us look longingly at stall showers with multiple jets providing a refreshing massage, and a heated foot bath where we can sit and relax as we soothe our weary feet.

You needn't have a huge bathroom to enjoy luxurious surroundings.

But even if you can't squeeze in a waterfall or a white foot bath for two, you can use rich materials to create a serene oasis that will give you joy.

"Materials that were once high end are now available at reasonable prices," says Gretchen Trudeau, bath designer at EXPO Design Center in Troy. "There's a huge selection of tiles and stone. You can use glass or decorative tiles, often hand-painted, to run a row around the bath-

room, or create a panel design near the tub or shower.

Trudeau said you can even use it for wainscoting. "There are beautiful options for countertops: tile, stone, marble, granite, or Corian," Trudeau said. "They're more affordable for the bathroom than the kitchen, because the area is smaller."

"Cabinet details, such as fluted ends, beadwork or rich stains, that were once available only on custom work, are now available at retail.

"Sinks have gone beyond purely utilitarian. They used to be so generic, but now you can find them in Victorian (a fluted base on the sink; carved sculpted design, more ornate than other designs); Colonial (crisp, clean, square lines with nice molding detail); or Contemporary (vessel

sinks on top of counter can be in spun glass, natural stone, ceramic) - as simple or as fancy as you want to be."

Trudeau and Stevens agree that clients are getting away from pedestal sinks in favor of vanities, which offer more storage for personal items such as hair dryers. Fifty percent of the vanities Stevens installs are cultured marble. The remaining are mainly of stone.

You needn't use a small-patterned wallpaper in a small bathroom. If you fall for a paper with tropical flowers in gaudy colors, use it. Oversize can actually add a feeling of space. Mirrors will open up a room, too. Look for mirrors at garage sales and flea markets, and cover a wall with a variety of shapes and sizes. The effect isn't as stark as

a single mirrored panel, and it's more visually intriguing. Running floor tile on a diagonal pattern will also make a room look larger.

Linda Hudson specializes in cabinetry design, working with Cabinets Plus in West Bloomfield.

"The advantage of custom design is that there's nothing you can't do or have," says the Farmington Hills-based interior designer. "If you want columns on the ends of cabinets, or if you want drawers of a particular height, or built-ins for towels, no problem. Sometimes a couple will want different level counters, to accommodate their respective heights."

"You also get a solid wood product that will last practically forever, and you can achieve the

maximum use of space. You get the luxury of accommodating all of your needs in the available space."

In a two-carrier family, the traffic pattern in the bathroom is as important as that in the kitchen. There's a lot going on when both are getting ready at the same time, and careful planning will keep them from bumping into one another.

Don't ignore personal touches. Buy a glass roundel at an art fair, and hang it in the bathroom window. It will lend a stained-glass effect, even on a cloudy day. Search out an antique soap dish, or a unique drinking glass. Put a flea market birdhouse on top of the medicine cabinet. If you use shutters on the windows, use them to display costume jewelry necklaces.

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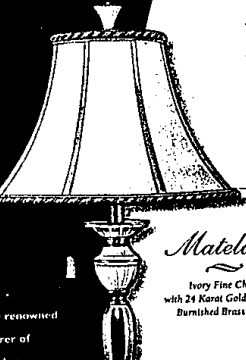


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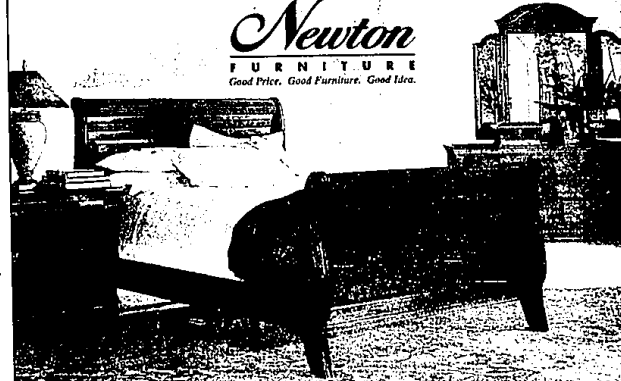


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