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Marlborough 1200mm curved unit in cotton white, with honed marble **worktop**, and ceramic **basin**, H83xW121xD52cm, £1,799, Laura Ashley.

2 Shaker style

'The elegant, double curved doors in this traditional vanity unit help to use every inch of storage space,' says Helen Shaw, Marketing Manager, Laura Ashley Bathroom Collection. 'The marble worktop, timeless, classic Shaker styling and cotton-white finish will stand the test of time and help to create a tranquil bathroom space.'



Bosa **vanity unit** in Light Grey finish, H75.8xW112xD55cm, £3,000; Amiata **basin**, £540, both Victoria & Albert.

3 Elegant glass

'One of the elements that makes this vanity unit so appealing is that it's been designed and built as a piece of furniture rather than an item for a bathroom suite, and would look equally good in a bedroom,' says Jonathan Carter, Marketing Director, Victoria & Albert Baths. 'The furniture is constructed of solid beech and cherry wood, with an engineered glass top for a vessel basin. It's the perfect combination of elegance and practicality.'

4 Marble good looks

'Dramatic washstands, with their classic good looks, are the perfect way of introducing the wow factor into the bathroom,' says Drummond Shaw, Chairman, Drummonds. 'Marble has come right back into fashion. The luxurious look and feel of this natural material, plus the fact that each piece has its own unique characteristics makes it ideal for a washstand top. As long as it is properly sealed, it is a highly practical choice.' Make sure yours has a shelf underneath – storage shouldn't be underestimated in the bathroom and this is the perfect place to store towels. »

Double Crake **vanity unit** with marble top and basins, H116 (including upstand) xW170 xD69cm, £9,540, Drummonds.



Tip A vintage table or chest can be upcycled to create a washstand-style console by adding a countersunk ceramic basin. To make it water resistant and easy to clean, replace the wooden top with a stone or stone-effect surface.