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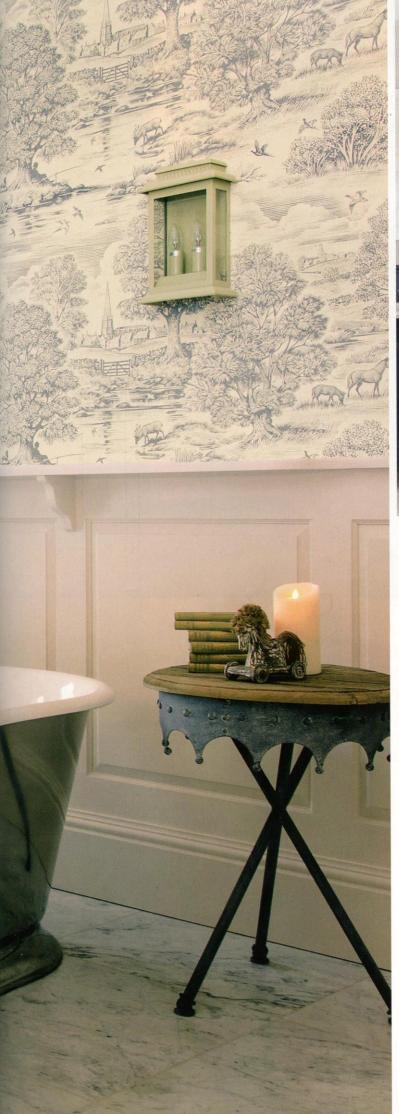


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nce the winter sets in, there is nothing like a warm, cosy bathroom to retreat to at the end of the day. From freestanding baths big enough for two, to elegant brassware and lovely linens, there are endless ways to create a soothing sanctuary that welcomes and revives on a cold, crisp night.

## PERFECT PARTNERSHIP (left)

When space allows, installing two free-standing baths is the ultimate luxury – ideal for relaxing and unwinding with a partner at the end of a hard day. This scheme works so well as it focuses heavily on symmetry with matching baths, brassware and heated towel rails. For added character and visual impact, paper the wall above the dado rail and add a wall clock, lanterns and scented candles.

Humber baths with a painted and lacquered exterior, from £3,570 each, Drummonds

## TAKE A SEAT (above)

Adding an armchair, stool or even a chaise longue can elevate the bathroom into a dressing area perfect for long, leisurely afternoons getting ready to go out. A double-ended chaise looks stunning set beneath a traditional timber sash window and is ideal for period settings. Choose a complementary colour to tone with furniture and fittings and finish with a plump cushion for extra comfort. The Sofa & Chair Company has a large and varied fabric library, which includes a variety of fabrics suitable for humid environments. It can also treat the material to ensure it is resistant to moisture.

Lautrec bench, £1,475 plus fabric, The Sofa & Chair Company