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We've all been inspired by spas and boutique-hotel bathrooms, and it's easier than you think to re-create their show-stopping elegance and glamour at home. A few key designer fittings can provide an indulgent atmosphere where you can escape from the world.

PUT THE BATH CENTRE STAGE

A freestanding roll-top or cast-iron slipper bath is the star of a spa-style bathroom, so make it a real feature. Place it in the centre of a room if the space is big enough and pair it with floor-mounted taps for an authentic boutique-hotel feel. If that's not workable, frame your bath by placing it below a window, or surround it with a decorative panel using mosaic or patterned tiles. Experiment with levels by placing it on a podium or even adding steps to create a sunken bath area.

OPT FOR WARM METALLICS

Gold, copper and brass tones are all enjoying a renaissance in the home right now, and this trend has extended to the

bathroom, particularly to taps and shower fittings. Avoid orangey-gold tones – instead, opt for copper, brass and soft rose golds. Plated taps can tarnish quickly, though, so invest in the best you can afford to ensure they look great for longer.

KEEP IT SIMPLE Minimalist designer elegance is key to a relaxing atmosphere, so go for wall-hung loos, basins and furniture, and add lots of storage. Freestanding furniture is great for holding toiletries, while fitted units hide pipework perfectly.

GO FOR TWIN BASINS Fed up with jostling for space in the morning? Twin basins solve that problem, and period-style designs add elegance. Place two decorative mirrors above with storage behind for toiletries.

INSTALL YOUR BATH IN THE BEDROOM Five-star hotels began this sensual bathing trend. You can re-create the look by taking down a wall between a bedroom and en suite, as all the plumbing will be in place – but remember you'll need some privacy if you also want a loo.

TIP

If you have a fireplace, don't block it in. Instead, make it a feature – an open fire will give a real feeling of grandeur



Large marble tiles have an inherent charm and can help to make a room look more spacious, so they're an ideal choice if you're designing a hotel-style bathroom

ROB WHITAKER, CREATIVE DIRECTOR, FIRED EARTH



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