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Kitchens and bathrooms

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Hidden kitchens are hot news right now and we reckon Bulthaup's retro-inspired roller shutter unit is bang on the money. It's a great solution for open-plan kitchens, as you can stow away all those bulky appliances while keeping a streamlined look. It also comes in a range of finishes and colours, such as this Smoked Larch and aubergine lacquer. *Bulthaup kitchens cost from £30,000 (bulthaup.com)*

BROAD APPEAL

If you've got a large family to cater for, but only a compact kitchen to cook in, this ingenious, extra-wide oven (90cm) from Smeg is the ideal solution. The sleek, wall-mounted SF9310XR has a generous 80-litre capacity and ten handy functions, including self-cleaning, closed-door grilling and Circulaire wizardry to ensure everything cooks evenly. Plenty of capacity to feed family and friends. *Approx £749 (smeguk.com)*



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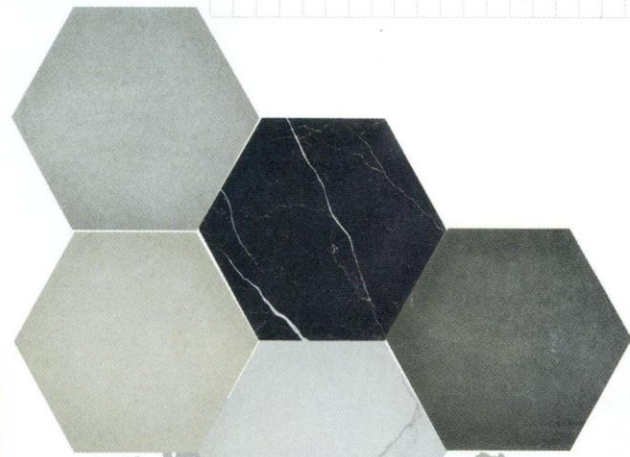
BRIGHT IDEA

This eye-popping 3N1 tap isn't just attractive, it can rustle up instant filtered hot water (up to 98°C), saving time and energy. You can switch to normal hot and cold water too. It's available in this Bright Orange, Natural Stone and Pearl White as well as chrome. *Approx £799 (insinkerator.co.uk)*



BOLD AS BRASS

The trend for warm metallics isn't going away, but this new look from Drummonds is a refreshing alternative to the ultra-shiny finishes we've seen of late. The Usk bath in Antique Brass has bags of character due to the hand-created patina of the metal surface, a technique that can be similarly applied to any of Drummonds's fittings. *£8,340 (drummonds-uk.com)*



Tough love

For those who are coveting concrete right now, these new Mate hexagonal tiles are a cool alternative to poured floors. Not only are the porcelain tiles more affordable, you can vary the four shades to create a striking finish. Marble-effect tiles complete the range and can be included for a rough-luxe look. *From £76.48 per sq m (surfacetiles.com)*

IN WITH THE OLD

With a playful nod to classic furniture design, this Borgia vanity unit from Artelinea takes traditional craftsmanship to new heights. The turned-wood legs are given a funky update, while the über-minimalist Opalite basin tops off the look. It's a nifty compromise for those who want the best of both worlds. *From £3,861 (cphart.co.uk)*



← BESPOKE WOOD PROJECT

'This teak cladding contrasts well with the tub's copper interior, which is carried across on to the bathroom accessories,' says Brian Athey, general manager of Hurlingham The Bath Company.

'The wood finish puts a modern twist on what would be a very traditional bathroom and we chose this unusual highly textured wallpaper to work as a striking backdrop to the fixtures.'

This is the Sampan bath in teak and copper, £5,995, by Hurlingham The Bath Company; and the Winthorpe towel rail in Copper, £405, by Trads. Go to Mr Perswall for similar trompe l'oeil wallpapers.



CHROME PROJECT →

'Chrome accessories and the glossy tiled floor amplify the effect of the Usk bath's mirror-polished exterior,' says Drummond Shaw, founder and chairman of bathroom specialist Drummonds. 'Marble is used on the washstand and as a wall panel to define the shower – with no enclosure, this becomes a statement of pared-back elegance.'

This is Drummonds' Usk bath, from £3,390; Classic bath and shower mixer with Mull heads, from £1,434; Lowther double vanity suite, from £6,540; Nene concealed shower, from £2,514; and six-bar towel rail, from £2,742.

