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# DREAM BATHROOM

*Interiors stylist Milly Goodwin combines chalky textures and natural materials with lavish touches in this light yet luxurious scheme*



## **Can you describe the space?**

It's in a traditional Georgian farmhouse in the Cotswolds. The previous owners had made some dramatic alterations that involved vaulting the first floor to the rafters, losing an entire storey at the top of the house in the process. My clients decided to put the ceiling on the first floor back to its original height, and returned the top floor to attic bedrooms. As they were essentially starting from scratch with the layout, they could create rooms with more generous proportions and, at 6x3m, this master en-suite bathroom was no exception.

## **What were the owners' requirements?**

The overall brief was to create a pared-back classic country look that would suit the property's Georgian origins, in a neutral palette that would be elegant and timeless. The couple asked for a spacious double shower, as well as a generous bath, positioned to make the most of the glorious garden views.

## **How did you source the main fittings?**

Drummonds is my go-to supplier for period fittings. The owners had already decided on the company's heated towel rail, so then it was just a case of choosing fittings to match. All the brassware has a soft nickel finish, which is subtler than chrome and better suited to a neutrally toned scheme.

## **What influenced the choice of materials?**

I love using natural materials in their rawest state where possible, which is what we've aimed for here. They are brilliant for lifting a neutral palette and also suit the country feel. We chose a chalky paint, Pavilion Gray Estate Emulsion by Farrow & Ball, for the walls, and rough-hewn natural oak flooring. The wet areas are clad in a tactile honed limestone from Fired Earth.

## **Can you tell us about the design of the double shower area?**

The owners often leave the house at the same time, so requested a double walk-in shower

that would prevent gridlock in the mornings. The half wall is designed to give an element of privacy, and solves our concerns that an expanse of glass would feel too cold for the room. The limestone tiled wall helps integrate the large shower area into the room, and enhances the sense of symmetry.

## **How did you dress the space?**

The smart sash window is an original Georgian feature and deserved to be framed elegantly. We chose an unfussy silk-lined linen blind, with a sheer panel behind to provide a feeling of layered luxury and privacy. The chandelier was sourced by the owners and imported from America. Not only is the crystal beautifully decorative, but it also helps to centre the room, bringing the main elements together.

## **What is the key to this room's success?**

The combination of natural textures and high-quality fittings breathes life into an otherwise plain, neutral palette. ■

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# LONDON *notebook*

## UTILITY CHIC

French Connection's stylish homewares have arrived at Selfridges. We love the soft, industrial feel of the new collection, featuring zinc trestles, adjustable bistro tables and rope-hung pendants, in appealing grey and putty hues contrasted with monochrome.

Selfridges, 400 Oxford Street, W1A 1AB,  
0800 123400, [selfridges.com](http://selfridges.com).



## EVOLVING STYLE

With a fresh, modern make-over and a new snappier name, The Berkeley's Michelin-starred restaurant has reopened. Fans



of the fine eatery formerly known as Marcus Wareing can expect more relaxed surroundings and a chic, simple style, reflected in its new moniker, Marcus. The seasonal menu includes inventive dishes such as



Burrata, heritage beetroot and dandelion (above) and Herdwick lamb chops, wild garlic shoots and purple-sprouting broccoli.

Marcus at The Berkeley, Wilton Place, SW1X 7RL,  
020 7235 1200, [the-berkeley.co.uk](http://the-berkeley.co.uk).

**CLASSIC DESIGN** British bathroom specialist Drummonds has opened a new showroom in the Chelsea Design Quarter. Head here to find the latest collections, including copper roll-top baths, marble washstands and polished metal fittings.

DRUMMONDS, 642 KING'S ROAD, SW6 2DU, 020 7376 4499, [DRUMMONDS-UK.COM](http://DRUMMONDS-UK.COM).



**MEXICAN WAVE** An innocuous railway arch in Peckham may not be the first place you would expect to unearth a fine selection of authentic Mexican cheese, but American-born Kristen Schnepf has been shaking up the scene with her handmade range of crumbly Queso Fresco, Queso Chihuahua, a melting cheese, and raw milk Quesa Oaxaca, which earned a silver medal at last year's British Cheese Awards. Unsurprisingly, the cheeses have piqued the interest of foodies in the know, including chef Thomasina Miers and restaurants Casa Negra, Peyote and Lupita. Using local organic milk, Kristen blends traditional and modern techniques to recreate the Mexican classics that she grew up with. If, like us, you can't wait for the arrival of Gringa Dairy's fare in Selfridges later this year, order online or visit by appointment. From £8.50 for 300g.



Gringa Dairy, Arch 77,  
878 Old Kent Road, SE15 1NQ,  
07796 485 390, [gringadairy.com](http://gringadairy.com).



## DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

While completion is still some way off, Nine Elms on the South Bank is fast becoming a vibrant hub. Located between Lambeth and Chelsea Bridge, the development promises to be much more than an upscale residential project, with public offerings that incorporate a green space and a gallery quarter, including Damien Hirst's Newport Street Gallery, opening later this year. There are also plans to settle the Covent Garden Flower Market here, to complement Battersea Power Station, while an extension of the Northern line in 2019 will provide a speedy link to central London. Contact 020 8871 7693, [ninelemlondon.com](http://ninelemlondon.com). ►



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## DAY TRUE

128 Elgin Avenue, W9 2HD,  
020 7788 9229, [daytrue.com](http://daytrue.com).

A newcomer to the capital, Day True is an innovative design studio and stylish showroom run by husband and wife team Tony Robson and Hayley Tarrington-Robson. Whether you need a new bathroom cabinet or a complete re-fit, you can expect a wide choice of contemporary brands, such as Burgbad, Cea, plus expertise and friendly service.

## DESIGNSPACE LONDON

33 Parkgate Road,  
SW11 4NP, 020 7228 8088,  
[designspacelondon.com](http://designspacelondon.com).

Head to this exclusive stockist of sleek Italian brand Modulnova for modern modular bathroom furniture. Each of its four collections has been designed with clean lines, clever storage and unobtrusive details. Cabinetry is made to order and available in more than 50 colours and finishes.

## DEVON & DEVON

77/79 Westbourne Grove,  
W2 4UL, 020 7221 5137,  
[devon-devon.com](http://devon-devon.com).

Having opened its first UK showroom last year, this family-run company from Florence has established itself as a supplier of classical and Art Deco-inspired bathrooms. As well as luxurious furniture, it also offers stunning wall tiles, marble, ceramic and wood flooring, plus accessories and textiles in its signature monochrome palette.

## DRUMMONDS

27 Chepstow Corner,  
W2 4XE, 020 7229 2336,  
[drummonds-uk.com](http://drummonds-uk.com).

Starting out more than 25 years ago as a dealer in architectural antiques, Drummonds soon evolved into a manufacturer of classic bathrooms, crafting period-style, cast-iron baths, basins, showers and sanitaryware



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that work with 21st-century plumbing systems. Its pieces are beautifully made and available in many exquisite finishes.

## FIRED EARTH

117/119 Fulham Road,  
SW3 6RL, 020 7589 0489,  
[firedearth.com](http://firedearth.com).

This flagship showroom offers a raft of traditional and modern baths, basins, sanitaryware and furniture laid out in attractive room sets decorated with Fired Earth tiles, paints and wallpapers. A design service with a home visit costs £200, redeemable when an order is placed.

## HOLLOWAYS OF LUDLOW

121 Shepherds Bush Road,  
W6 7LP, 020 7602 5757,  
[hollowaysoftudlow.com](http://hollowaysoftudlow.com).

Here, you'll find bathroom ranges in traditional and modern styles from Lefroy Brooks, Hansgrohe, Vola, and Barber Wilsons, the oldest independent manufacturer of taps and fittings in the UK. There is also a good selection of heating, plus lighting that is suitable for bathroom use.

## HYDE PARK BATHROOMS & KITCHENS

30 Baker Street, W1U 3ER,  
020 7935 9909, [bathroomz.com](http://bathroomz.com).

At this award winner in customer service, you can view displays of bathrooms and fittings from top European manufacturers including Dornbracht, Duravit, Grohe, Bisque and Villeroy & Boch. There is also the option of design, installation and full turn-key services.

## JOHN LEWIS

300 Oxford Street, W1A 1EX,  
0845 604 9049, [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com).

The third floor of this high-street stalwart has had a revamp, complete with a new working fitted-furniture studio. It offers three own-brand bathroom ranges, as well as Alno, Axor, Duravit and BagnoDesign.

## LAURENCE PIDGEON

31/35 Fulham High Street,  
SW6 3JH, 020 7610 6166,  
[laurencepidgeon.com](http://laurencepidgeon.com).

Visit this pioneer in bathroom design for ultra-contemporary architectural designs, from chic cement basins by Moab80



Fired Earth

to dramatic, illuminated cloakroom pedestals from Wet. There are also exquisite Sicilian glazed lavastone tiles by Made a Mano and other exclusive and trend-setting pieces.

## NEPTUNE

87/93 Wandsworth Bridge Road, SW6 2TD,  
020 7371 9997, [neptune.com](http://neptune.com).

Bathroom storage can be stylishly resolved with a traditional Chichester washstand or cabinet from Neptune. The painted timber units come in a choice of 28 shades, with soft-close drawers and sealed oak or Carrara marble worktops, which can be teamed with under-mounted or countertop basins.

## PORCELANOSA

Wandsworth Bridge Road,  
SW6 2TY, 08444 818952,  
[porcelanosa.com](http://porcelanosa.com).

Best known for its extensive collections of ceramic and porcelain wall and floor tiles, Porcelanosa also has a top-notch selection of modern bathrooms with clever features. Created in conjunction with Richard Rogers and other high profile designers are slick rain showers and taps ►





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with flow and temperature control. The showroom has a dedicated spa area, too.

### **RIPPLES**

*116 Fulham Road,  
SW3 6HU, 0800 107 0700,  
[ripples.ltd.uk](http://ripples.ltd.uk).*

With a wide range of brands in stock, most tastes are catered for here. Choose Victorian-style copper bateaux tubs and classic Samuel Heath taps, or a vibrant bright orange free-standing resin bath from Adamsez to make a striking statement. Tiles, heating and a design service are available.

### **ROCA**

*Station Court, Imperial  
Wharf, SW6 2PY,  
020 7610 9503, [roca.com](http://roca.com).*

This Spanish innovator has worked with architectural and design leaders including David Chipperfield and Giorgio Armani to produce cutting-edge bathrooms that not only look beautiful but also make life easier. Look here for water-saving taps, thermostatic showers and other technological advances.

### **SAMUEL HEATH**

*1st Floor, North Dome,  
Design Centre, Chelsea  
Harbour, SW10 0XE,  
020 7352 0249,  
[samuel-heath.co.uk](http://samuel-heath.co.uk).*

Producer of British brassware since 1820, Samuel Heath is world renowned for its elegant designs, high quality and craftsmanship. Whether contemporary or traditional in style, its taps, bath and shower fittings are produced from solid brass and hand polished with a wide choice of beautiful plated finishes available.

### **VICTORIA + ALBERT**

*2/21 Design Centre,  
Chelsea Harbour,  
SW10 0XE,*

*020 7351 4378,  
[vandabaths.com](http://vandabaths.com).*

This British brand's passion for luxurious bathing is revealed in its free-standing baths and basins made from Quarrycast, a mix of volcanic limestone and resins that is warmer and lighter than cast iron and other traditional materials. Styles and shapes vary from classic to contemporary, but all baths and basins are white for a pure and simple aesthetic.

### **WATERWORKS**

*579/581 King's Road,  
SW6 2EH, 0797 443043,  
[waterworks.com](http://waterworks.com).*

A recent arrival to the capital, this Connecticut bathroom company has a distinctly early-20th-century industrial style, with a focus on quality materials and craftsmanship. Find gorgeous hammered copper sinks, cast-iron baths and a wonderful selection of tiles and surfaces, from concrete and stone to fine Murano glass.

### **THE WATER MONOPOLY**

*10/14 Lonsdale Road,  
Queens Park, NW6 6RD,  
020 7624 2636,  
[watermonopoly.com](http://watermonopoly.com).*

For early-20th-century French glamour, this vast showroom ►

