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SUMMER MOOD

46 PAGES OF BRIGHT, LIGHT, SUNNY HOMES

SHOWER ROOM SPECIAL

PINK, COPPER AND RAIN - THIS YEAR'S COOLEST TRENDS

VINTAGE SHOPPING

How the experts spot star pieces

JUMP RIGHT IN!

TREND STORY: pool blues meet pale aqua



HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR

Decorating with show-stopping twists





Project details The light grey marble backdrop of this bathroom designed by Shropshire-based Horton & Co lets the copper fittings do all the talking. The Copper fixed shower head, £380, Livinghouse, is similar. For matching marble-effect porcelain tiles, check out the Marmi Carrara Levigato tiles, £52.80 per sq m, European Heritage.



Project details This bright brass shower set pops against the dark graphite wall tiles. This is the Dalby shower with straight arm and 300mm rose, £2,970; and an L-shape corner shower enclosure, from £3,340, both Drummonds.

BURNISH YOUR METALLICS

Chrome may have been the go-to finish for the most trend-led bathrooms over recent years, but warm metals, such as antique gold, rose gold, copper and brass, are catching up fast. With a veritable feast of shower fittings now available both in trad and modern styles, the march of warm metal brassware matches its popularity in finishes and furnishings throughout the home, from pendant lighting to furniture. So why should the bathroom be treated any differently to other spaces when it comes to design? 'There's a big move towards more burnished textures and finishes on brassware in bathrooms. Rose gold has been increasing popular over the past few years and we're now moving into bronzes and golds, plus more industrial finishes, such as brushed brass,' says Louise Ashdown, head of design at West One Bathrooms. 'The latter gives an urban feel, but it's also a warmer look that can sit well with both trad rustic settings and city-sleek style.' These soft, reflective metallics feel luxurious without being too flashy – look for brushed finishes rather than full-on gloss, stick to a single metal throughout the space and use it as an accent not a main component.

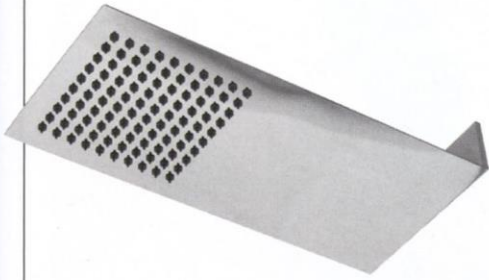
[POWER SHOWERS]

Dan Cook, showroom designer at CP Hart, on trend-led spaces

- * People are reassessing how they interact with their bathroom, viewing the area as somewhere to relax and unwind, as opposed to being solely utilitarian.
- * Choose body jets, waterfall shower heads and mist jets for your showering zone. There are lighting and music options that can be integrated into a bathroom for early morning wake-ups and late-evening relaxation.
- * Thanks to new innovations, you can now enjoy the luxury of steam integrated into your shower enclosure, eliminating the need for extra space. Similar developments have seen more affordable sauna offerings being introduced.
- * Products such as colour-changing LEDs, a shower-steam generator, or a multi-function shower head, will enhance your bathroom experience.
- * Natural stone adds warmth and detail to your space. Alternatively, opt for porcelain tiles that look like stone and wood, but don't require the maintenance of natural materials. Deep-wood grain on furniture veneers, or rough textures on tiles, make everything tactile and touchable.
- * Even if you don't have a large space, you can still get the 'spa' look. Incorporating wall-mounted product into your bathroom design will keep the space looking 'light', while using mirrors to enhance the natural light will help the space seem bigger.

*The Edited Choice***SHOWER HEADS**

Refresh yourself – and your space – with these super-sleek designs



Supersonic Blade shower head,
£68, Aquabliss



Hemsby shower head, £515 (including the
controls), Heritage Bathrooms



Cloud 350 shower head,
£419, Bathstore



Croma 220 overhead shower head,
£245, Hansgrohe at CP Hart



Tear Drop shower head,
£390, Drummonds



SO612 shower head, £1,573,
MGS Milano at Grange Design



.25 shower head, approx
£1,128, Waterworks



Amox 307 shower head,
£324, Aston Matthews



Raindance Classic 240 Air 1jet shower head,
£800, Hansgrohe at Ripples