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albionbathco.com

Baths made from Iso-Enamel, which gives the advantages of cast iron but lighter and greater heat retention.

Alternative Bathrooms

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alternativebathrooms.com

Wide range of high-quality brands in traditional and modern designs.

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antiquebaths.com

Restored original cast-iron baths and accessories.

Aston Matthews

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astonmatthews.co.uk

Wide range of classic and modern bathroom fittings.

Bathstore

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High street and online retailer with a wide range.

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brokenbog.com

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Burlington Bathrooms

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burlingtonbathrooms.com

Manufacturer of classically styled fittings.

The Cast Iron Bath Company

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castironbath.co.uk

Cast-iron baths, plus brassware, sanitaryware and accessories.

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catchpoleandrye.com

Manufacturer of luxury bathroom ware, including customisable products.

Chadder & Co

01342 823243

chadder.com

Manufacturer of upmarket classic baths and fittings.

CP Hart

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cphart.co.uk

High-quality traditional and modern bathroom fittings and furniture.

Devon & Devon

020 7221 5137

devon-devon.com

Luxury Italian-made bathroom ware, plus non-porous wallpapers.

Drummonds

020 7376 4499

drummonds-uk.com

High-end classic baths, showers, sanitaryware, lighting and accessories.

Fired Earth

01295 814396

firedearth.com

High-quality fittings for every aspect of bathroom design, plus floors and tiles.

Heritage Bathrooms

0844 701 8501

heritagebathrooms.com

Manufactures a wide range of classic bathroom ware.

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01282 418000

hudsonreed.co.uk

Quality bathroom ware, from baths to furniture, in

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Hurlingham

01400 263310

hurlinghambaths.co.uk

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The London Basin Company

020 8749 1267

londonbasincompany.com

Hand-finished porcelain basins featuring beautiful traditional patterns.

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01708 526 361

perrinandrowe.co.uk

Makes high-quality traditional brassware and sanitaryware.

Victoria + Albert Baths

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vandabaths.com

Baths and sanitaryware made from a Quarrycast stone/resin composite, which is highly durable.

Victoria Plum

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victoriaplumb.com

Online retailer with a large range of bathroom ware.

Victorian Plumbing

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victorianplumbing.co.uk

Online retailer with wide selection at good prices.

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thewatermonopoly.com

High-end manufacturer of luxury baths, taps, showers and sanitaryware.

William Holland

01305 251930

williamholland.com

Specialist manufacturer of luxury copper baths and basins, plus brassware.

Lighting

Even if the interior style of your property is more traditional than modern, your lighting scheme need not be. When looking to designs sympathetic to the surroundings, it's also worth considering more contemporary options, many of which have their roots in the past, to really enhance the features of a period home. 'Lighting should serve its purpose elegantly without stealing attention – a light that looks equally good turned off as it does on,' says Søren Ravn Christensen, of Vita Copenhagen.

What type of light do I need?

As well as taking into account the look of individual fittings, you also need to think about the effect you want the light to have. There are three different lighting types to consider when designing a scheme:

AMBIENT LIGHTING The main light source within a space. This is usually provided by ceiling and/or wall fittings, but can also be added to with table and floor lamps, and is best on a dimmable circuit so that the mood can be altered at different times.

ACCENT LIGHTING Provides the elegant additions noticeable to the eye, such as uplighting a fireplace or artwork.

TASK LIGHTING Fittings positioned to provide practical illumination for specific jobs such as reading or food preparation. Can be in the form of spotlights, lamps or strategically positioned pendant lights.

Often, using a combination of the three different lighting types – ideally on separate circuits – is the best way to illuminate a room. 'Any good lighting scheme is broken down into layers, so careful consideration of furniture layout, artwork and task areas will help achieve this,' says Alexandra Fry, of John Cullen Lighting. 'Fireplace surrounds, architraves and arches can be brought back to life with a discreet uplight to highlight their decorative beauty.'

How should I plan my lighting scheme?

Bearing in mind the different light types, think carefully about how you want to use each space – is it a spot for quiet relaxing, entertaining, or a practical area? – as well as the quality of natural light from windows, rooflights and through doorways, which should help you decide the level of artificial light needed. Draw up a plan of the space on graph paper and mark up the position of new fixtures to give to your electrician.

Bear in mind that if your home is listed, you may face restrictions with the type of lights permitted. For example, spotlights or wall lights might not be acceptable, so ask your local conservation officer.

Can I use antique fittings?

Antique fittings must be professionally restored or rewired, so always look to reputable sources, such as Fritz Fryer and Stiffkey Period Lighting. Many companies now produce fittings in an antique style, so it's easy to get the look with replica designs.

Does size matter?

Avoid too many statement and conflicting designs in one room, and consider size and

Elegant wall lights or lights around a mirror will ensure a flattering, shadow-free reflection, so opt for bulbs that deliver a soft, warm glow. Dalby light with Antique conical shade, from £396 each, Drummonds

