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COUNTRY HOMES & INTERIORS



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*Sink-into baths
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MAKE THE MOST OF
THE SMALLEST ROOM

Chilly days...
CHEERY IDEAS

✦ FOOD FOR WINE LOVERS

✦ PINE CONE DECOR ✦ MUG MOMENTS



Naver china **vanity basin** with chrome stand, £2,394, Drummonds.

Freshen-up spot

A place to rinse your hands and brush your hair, a basin and mirror combo room is a treat.

'A classic washstand on slender legs is the perfect solution for a cloakroom,' says James Lentaigne, director at Drummonds.

'Unlike a solid vanity, it doesn't box off any space. Instead, it appears to float, making the room seem bigger because you can see the wall and floor beneath. This also gives great decorative scope. I love seeing our white china and polished metal washstands set against richly coloured or patterned walls.'

DESIGN TIP

EXAMINE YOUR HOME WITH A CREATIVE EYE TO FIND CLOAKROOM SPACE - THE END OF A CORRIDOR, AN UNDERSTAIRS AREA OR FORMER AIRING CUPBOARD ARE PRIME CANDIDATES.

Stand, hang and house

You can also create a 'cloakroom' with a single piece of furniture. 'This freestanding hall tidy makes a stylish update for the home, transforming any empty corner into a chic cloakroom,' says Victoria Atkin, co-founder of Atkin and Thyme. 'Portable, stylish and built to last, this stand will make a feature of seasonal accessories; everything from winter boots and coats to umbrellas and sports equipment can be organised in a neat display, while the wood and iron frame will add an industrial update to a rustic countryside scheme.' »

Cooper **hall stand**, H180xW113xD46cm, £389, Atkin and Thyme.



Burlington London
acrylic bath, £1,105,
Victorian Plumbing.



6 Modern materials

While stone resin and cast-iron baths remain understandable favourites in the country bathroom, especially when building limitations and budgets aren't an issue, they're not always the most practical choice, which is where acrylic comes into its own, as Edward Potter from Victorian Plumbing explains, 'Acrylic baths are lightweight but extremely tough – especially when reinforced with fibreglass – plus they're easy to install and available in a huge variety of shapes and dimensions, meaning you can easily cheat the look of a more expensive design.'

DESIGN TIP

STONE, COMPOSITE AND CAST-IRON BATHS ARE VERY HEAVY, SO CHECK WITH YOUR INSTALLER THAT YOUR FLOOR DOES NOT NEED TO BE REINFORCED IN ORDER TO SUPPORT YOUR BATH.

7 Contemporary shades

Known as a 'transitional' style in America, where the unmistakable lines of traditional products are blurred in new, more modern materials, shapes and colours, it is now possible to get the look of a traditional roll-top bath with the smooth lines of a contemporary tub in an exciting hue. 'Modern country style works in many different decorating schemes,' says James Lentaigne, director at Drummonds. 'The secret is to choose pieces that reflect your personality and help create a mood that you will enjoy in your home for years to come.'



A brightly coloured bath adds energy to an often neutral space.

Serpentine cast-iron skirted bath, from £3,390, Drummonds.