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Brilliant brassware

Following the success of his previous collection, Martin Brudnizki has once again teamed up with Drummonds to bring us the Bestwood collection. Our favourite piece? The lever floorstanding bath and shower mixer, shown here in an unlacquered brass finish and priced £3228.

drummonds-uk.com



Lindsay, editor

"Our sheets should be as comfortable as the bed we sleep in. Square Flower's are made from 400-thread 100% organic cotton – they feel lovely and are super breathable. £130 for a double set, shown is Blush."

squareflower.com

42%

of consumers said they would be willing to pay up to three times more for a lightbulb which lasts seven times longer than a halogen bulb and saves money on their electricity bill, according to research conducted by lighting company Ledvance.



This month, we're talking...

Customisation

From engraved taps and changeable motifs to hand-painted bedroom furniture, we've rounded up the brands offering personalised items that make bespoke looks easy to achieve

Thanks to advancements in technology and a move towards embracing quality craftsmanship and individuality, many brands are now taking customisation to a whole new level by creating items that are designed totally around your décor style.

Asked whether customisation is a key trend in bathroom design, Sarah Evans, head of channel marketing for Hansgrohe, says: "Individualisation is set to influence how we design our spaces, as developments in manufacturing ignite the market to offer increased personal expression. Taps in particular are becoming one-of-a-kind works of art that can be used to enhance an interior scheme." And James Lentaigne, creative director at Drummonds, agrees. "Customisation allows you to become involved in the design process and create a scheme that is both practical and unique," he says.

Look out for the newest ranges of sanitaryware in a number of colour options and finishes, from custom paints in matt and gloss to metals and copper cladding – which come in either polished, antiqued, or hammered – that can be added to your chosen fixtures.

The kitchen industry has also seen a change in what we are looking for, due to the shift towards us wanting to get more out of our spaces and make our own design statements.

"Customised products provide almost limitless options – from colour choices through to the materials that are available," says Richard Delane, creative director at bespoke kitchen company The Wood Works.

So what's the benefit? Greater choice and the option to tweak designs to suit your colour palette, décor taste, and personality mean there is more versatility and fun to be had when creating a scheme. It's an opportunity to think outside the box and apply a new approach to existing styles. Plus, the end result will perfectly reflect – and be entirely personal to – you.



Fun touches

If you're looking to add individuality to a nursery, consider a piece of furniture featuring your little one's favourite childhood characters – one that will be sure to make them smile. Dragons of Walton Street's hand-painted children's furniture can be personalised with famous faces from stories including The Tales of Beatrix Potter and Paddington Bear. The collection includes beds, bedside tables, accessories, and fabrics, with each item finished by hand at the brand's West Sussex studio. This Dragons cot bed with Beatrix Potter artwork is priced £1695.



Form meets function

Why not adapt your appliances so they perfectly suit your needs as well as your design preference? Bespoke Projects specialise in customising Gaggenau 400 series products in a wide array of colours, metals, and engraving options, so your kitchen can be functional

without losing out in the style department. They can even clad your ovens in a marble-effect coating, as shown, for a luxe look that coordinates with your worktop. Prices are available on request, but start from around £300 for a 60cm warming drawer.





Photograph: Richard Gadsby



↑ A loft conversion ensuite provides a spot for a stylish wet area within a larger bathroom scheme. It includes the Dalby shower with curved pipe and classic 30cm shower rose in nickel, £2820, and Tay bath with a polished and lacquered exterior, £5460, both available at Drummonds.

↓ Get the industrial vintage look with the Frahm Crittal-style shower screen by Drench, £1389 from CP Hart. You can specify how the metal framework is set out, including your own choice of horizontal and vertical lines, to create a truly bespoke look for your space.



IN SHORT

The bathroom had to feel luxurious and bright. White walls and marble tiles have been combined to create the airy, opulent space.

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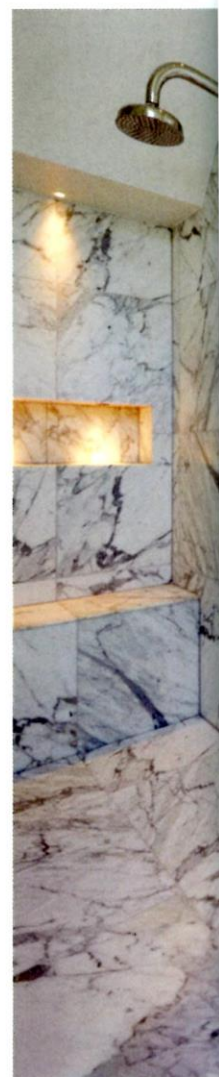
BEAUTIFUL

Sam Aldridge, of Dust Architecture, enlarged an existing roof extension to create a lighter and more luxurious master suite within a 1950s mid-terraced townhouse in London



← The double vanity is ideal for a master ensuite, as the couple can use it together without being in each other's way.

→ The eyes are instantly drawn to the freestanding doubled-ended bath, which adds to the luxurious feel of the room.





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The entire loft level was reconfigured and extended to create a more light and spacious master suite, which now includes a walk-in wardrobe.

The shower has tiled recesses with effective hidden lighting for storing toiletries.



Luxurious and light: that was the brief from Sam Aldridge's clients – a professional couple with children – on how they wanted their new master ensuite to look. The 1950s mid-terraced townhouse, located close to London's Sloane Square, already had a small loft extension, but it was accessed via a narrow and steep staircase. The space comprised of a cramped ensuite, occupying one corner of the roof area, and a bedroom.

To open it all up, Sam, who is the associate director at Dust Architecture, reconfigured the entire top storey. "We extended the room out towards the rear by building a dormer on an existing flat roof terrace. This allowed us to install a new staircase up to the top floor, which replicated the grand design of the stairs below, with a new roof light above," he explains. "The reconfiguration and extension also allowed me to create a new walk-through wardrobe from the bedroom into the, now full-width, ensuite."

One of the main challenges of the project was the house's location in between two conservation areas. However, because the dormer used sympathetic materials – it is clad in lead – the owners did not have to apply for planning permission so could do the project under permitted development instead.

"The house was built around the 1950s, so the floors were constructed using a beam and pot method," says Sam. "As I increased the loads on the top storey fairly significantly, a technical scan of the existing floor was needed to make sure it was still structurally sound." The new layout afforded a more spacious and luxurious feel, so attention turned to making it lovely and light.

Sam replaced sloped roof lights with slightly larger units and installed a glass sliding door to the rear elevation of the extension.

On the wishlist for the bathroom were a freestanding bath and functional, well-placed recesses, plus a large walk-in shower. Sam developed the layout in close collaboration with both the homeowners and their interior designer.

However, the location of the existing soil pipe dictated where the WC could be placed.

As the main centrepiece, the freestanding bath comes into view as you walk in. The double vanity unit and mirrors are next to be revealed, while the shower can be discovered around the corner. The décor is dominated by marble, which was chosen for its bright, clean feeling and to add an air of opulence. Finally, classical and stylish sanitaryware from Drummonds adds to the feeling of luxury, which results in the finished look the clients had dreamt of. **KBB**



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