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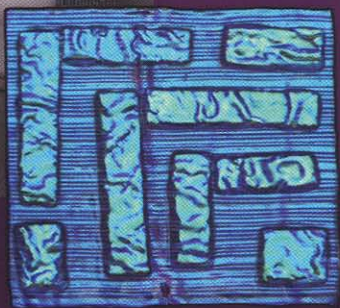
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Perfection in the Powder Room

By Amanda Grosvenor

Bathrooms have come into their own this season. No longer merely a functional closet consisting of the requisite basics, the bathroom now contributes significantly to the overall style of a residence. Master baths are larger and more luxurious than ever before, incorporating built-ins, expansive linen storage and dazzling ornamental touches throughout.

Children's and guest bathrooms, on the other hand, are now more simple and functional, while the majority of the decorating budget goes to the master bath. For those seeking a truly unique room or who wish to preserve the antique feel of an old home, our experts give helpful hints on how to blend vintage fixtures with modern plumbing. Bold colors are mostly on their way out too, and soft, "comfortable" tones like spice, natural wood and pale aqua are in.

The great news this season is that achieving the look of your dreams has never been more affordable or attainable.



Andrea Hansen



Jan Armor

MASTER BATHS Couples are demanding double sinks, a large bath and a separate shower as well. Gaye Weatherly of Weatherly Tile and Stone says that she has provided tile for showers that "could easily accommodate 10 to 12 people without any of them touching." Master baths are now dazzling fashion statements for the home, lovely sanctuaries for soothing relaxation. According to Jane Anderson of Apex Kitchen & Bath, a recent trend has been towards an old-fashioned bathroom style made up of "furniture" pieces. Undermount sinks of granite, Corian or marble, for example, are combined with vanities placed on top of old bureaus. Linen closets that look

like armoires contain drawers and hampers or wastebaskets. The idea is to have a bathroom that blends well with the overall feel of an older, New England-style home. Weatherly notes that there has also been a large movement towards an old-world, Tuscan feel, created by the use of certain colors and tile styles.

ANTIQUES To obtain the old-fashioned "furniture" look, some are choosing to purchase vintage pieces, enabling them to create a bathroom that is truly unique from the standard modern look in America. Another reason to go for antiques is that their construction is often superior to that



of brand new pieces. Make sure to have new hardware installed, however, because that is the one element that does not stand up well to the test of time. Integrating old pieces with new ones is difficult but it can be done, says Jill Wilson of LooLoo Design. Demand for antique toilets is low, but a popular trend today involves sectioning off the toilet with a knee wall or a separate room, which easily solves the issue of making a new toilet fit in with antique fixtures. The bestseller in the antique arena is the bathtub – many people today want claw-foot tubs due to nostalgia and their romantic nature. Says Wilson, “People are very shower-oriented these days, but they still like to have at least one tub in the home.” When working with antiques, make sure to select the major plumbing fixtures first and then bring in matching accessories, including hinges and drawer pulls afterwards.

DESIGNING ON A BUDGET

is easier than ever nowadays, thanks to the variety of mass-manufactured materials available in all different colors and styles. Lynn Venancio of Affordable Kitchens and Baths advises, “To save money, instead of using a granite top, try Swanstone instead.” Flat-panel doors cost less and can be dressed up with different edgings, fancy moldings or a variety of center panel styles. Anderson adds that one important thing to remember is that the most expensive elements of almost any bathroom are the

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 // Sink from Weatherly Tile & Stone, Portsmouth //
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