



Kitchen & bathroom DESIGN SPECIAL

50 fresh bathroom ideas

We've scoured the market for the latest innovations and trends. So settle in and let inspiration wash over you.

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1 Know what's new

Plan for the future with these insights into the latest bathroom trends from Belinda Geels, bathroom marketing manager at Reece.

- * "Small updates are big news. Australians are seeing the value in a quick upgrade using accessories to revamp their bathrooms. For example, heated towel rail sales have almost tripled in the past three years, becoming one of the top-performing categories at Reece."
- * "While we have seen huge growth in under-counter and semi-inset basins in recent times, above-counter and vessel basins remain the most popular choice. Square basins are still the most popular style, yet we are seeing a move towards more organic shapes. A recent study of purchasing trends revealed that while many consumers desire the organic look, they are still buying square options."
- * "Traditional 'white box' storage units are making way for custom-designed furniture. Finishing touches include integrated make-up compartments, hidden bins and LED lights."
- * "Almost half of all baths sold by Reece are freestanding. Another key change in baths is the increase in the choice of materials. Improved acrylics have produced baths in great shapes at affordable prices. We are also seeing further exploration into stone, resin, stone composite and pressed steel."
- * "When it comes to showers, brands are continually developing ways to reduce water consumption without compromising on the showering experience. There has been significant interest in twin rail showers, too."
- * "Seven years ago, three-piece sets dominated the bathroom tapware space but today mixers make up 70 per cent of all tap sales. In terms of shape, square mixers are in high demand. The pin lever is still the dominant choice for Australian homeowners."



2 SHOWERS WITH WOW

Three showerheads to inspire a song.

ABOVE from left

* Classic elegance in the Delta showerhead and arm, 3-star WELS rating, \$172, Phoenix Tapware; www.phoenixtapware.com.au.

* Catch that drip! The sculptural Gessi Goccia Silver Drop shower, 3-star WELS rating,

\$1892, Candana Bathroomware; (02) 9389 8631 or www.candana.com.au.

* Slick design meets smart functionality in the Kohler Flipside handshower, 3-star WELS rating, \$169. Tradelink; 1800 228 476 or www.tradelink.com.au.

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For brilliance in your bathroom consider the IB Rubinetterie Batlo tap in Red, with 5-star WELS rating, from \$700. Paco Jaanson; 1800 006 260 or www.pacojaanson.com.au.



4 TWO-FACED DRIERS!

New from Sheridan, the Davina terry waffle range of towels (below) features a classic square waffle pattern on one side and a plain terry loop on the other. Highly absorbent and fast-drying, the towels cost \$45/each. Sheridan; 1800 625 516 or www.sheridan.com.au.

