

Space-age style

Ultramodern La Fontana sanitaryware by Italian designers Sandro Meneghelli and Marco Paoletti. The toilet and bidet are framed with thick white porcelain and rounded corners. The vanity was inspired by Italian village-square drinking fountains. Order through Cass Brothers.



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1. Paco Jaanson "Hey Joe" floor-based bath filler with hand shower, \$3473, Cass Brothers.
2. CaesarStone in Ice Snow, from \$550 a metre installed. 3. Zen wall set, \$559, Cass Brothers.
RIGHT (photo strip)
Cass Brothers products. At bottom: Emco Asis WC Module, \$1595. For stockists, see page 152.

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What's the next big trend in bathrooms?

"Open-plan living reflected in bathroom design. Some clients are requesting single shower screens instead of a full enclosed shower, but beware: water will run off your elbows into the main part of the bathroom while you wash your hair! Also, underfloor bathroom heating can be cheaper than you think."

What is the first thing to do when considering a new bathroom?

"There are some incredible basins available today that will allow a design of a practical vanity for two people to use at once. When renovating, consult your tradesperson on where the existing water and waste points are. If the new bathroom can be designed around these points you might just save some dollars on the plumbing."

Best banchtop "For vanities, CaesarStone in colour Ice Snow will last the distance as far as cleaning chemicals and make-up stains go."


For cabinets "White polyurethane. Choose towels and accessories in colours to complement your mood."

Top handles "Handle-less cabinetry would be my choice!"

Taps, tools & techy stuff

"There is a strong trend moving back to two taps and a spout. The Old English style of tapware has increased in popularity and variety. There is also a growing amount of tapware with LED lighting which displays red lighting in the water for hot, and blue light for cold."

Expert tips? "Get advice from recommended tradespeople and retailers. Always ask tradespeople for referee contacts for past work. Gather paperwork received when you select a product and pass it onto your tradesperson or designer so there are no adjustments to be made at time of installation of your bathroom products. Adjustments can be expensive!"

Handy hint "Waterproofing your bathroom before tiling is imperative. Be sure the whole bathroom is covered. It's no use trying to skimp by only waterproofing the shower." 



White waves

The Una bathroom-setting pieces by Italian designer and architect Romano Adolini are beautifully contoured. Bidets (one pictured) are becoming ever more popular in Australia, Ross says.

semi-recessed basin:
good for narrow
spaces

FLOOR & WALLS CaesarStone (www.caesarstone.com.au) **FIXTURES** Emco (emco-bad.de) makes the Asis built-in WC Module. It will hide your toilet roll, brush and even house a tissue box (see photo strip, opposite). Kohler (kohler.com.au); Paco Jaanson (pacojaanson.com.au); Vola (vola.dk). All available through Cass Brothers (cassbrothers.com.au) **LIGHTING** IXL (www.ixl.com.au) has a new range of heat-light and fan products on the market that have been a long time coming. **FOR INSPIRATION** C & E Critharis Constructions (02 9525 4376) is a master-builder company that does amazing bathrooms,