



bath tubs

BATHS PROVIDE THE CHANCE TO RELAX AND THE LUXURY OF SOME DOWN TIME, BUT ALSO OFFER A SCULPTURAL LOOK

- ✦ The traditional bathtub design has had a host of updates, from modern curves to classic claw foot with a twist.
- ✦ Your first decision is whether you opt for a freestanding or an undermount bath. An undermount bath gives the bathroom a more seamless look, while a freestanding option offers more of a statement centrepiece.
- ✦ Be sure to ask the retailer about the heat-retaining properties of materials when selecting your bath.
- ✦ Do you have kids? Factor in the bending over and lifting when choosing a bath - undermounted is often the best.

↑ AGAPE 'VIEQUES' STEEL BATH, ARTEDOMUS

PRICE: From \$11,305 **DIMENSIONS:** 1700mm x 720mm x 600mm. **KEY FEATURES:** Designed by Patricia Urquiola, the chic white and dark grey 'VAS911' bath is a contemporary take on utilitarian wash tubs of the past. It even has a couple of optional accessories: a teak shelf and backrest.

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MARC NEWSON SOLID SURFACE FREESTANDING BATH, CAROMA

PRICE: \$5999 (available March 2013)
DIMENSIONS: 1690mm x 700mm x 605mm
KEY FEATURES: Made of Cristalplant composite material for a stone-like finish, this tub is Marc Newson's take on a claw-foot bath.



'BENTO' FREESTANDING BATH, FORMED

PRICE: \$9750 **DIMENSIONS:** 1500mm x 990mm x 430mm
KEY FEATURES: The 'Bento 1500' showcases sensuous curves and is made of heat-retaining Corian.



'NOIR' FREESTANDING ACRYLIC BATH, CAROMA

PRICE: \$2249 **DIMENSIONS:** 1700mm x 850mm x 680mm
KEY FEATURES: With a subtle high back and organic shape, the chic 'Noir 1700' black and white bath is ideal for a relaxing soak.



KALDEWEI 'ASYMMETRIC DUO' UNDERMOUNT BATH, BATHE

PRICE: \$2525 **DIMENSIONS:** 1700mm x 800mm x 425mm
KEY FEATURES: Made from steel enamel, this bathtub has a large storage ledge that can be used as a seat or to accommodate tap fittings. It's also a great family-friendly option with its shallower depth.



'LATIS' FREESTANDING SOLID SURFACE BATH, OMVIVO

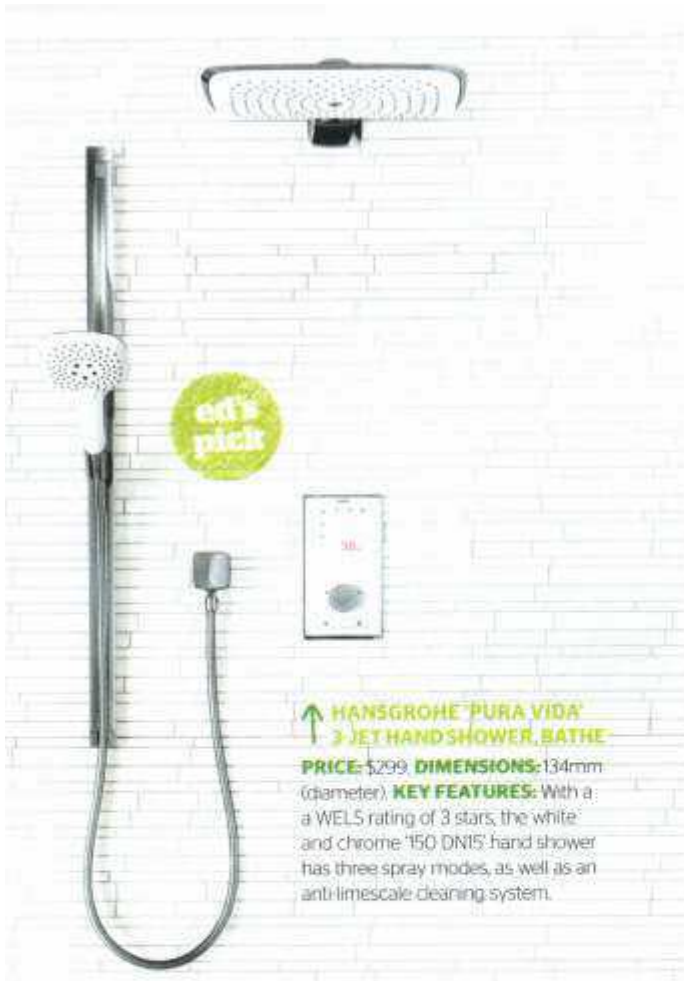
PRICE: \$11,385 **DIMENSIONS:** 1800mm x 750mm x 495mm (with timber storage end)
KEY FEATURES: The American oak storage unit keeps bathing essentials accessible while also lending an edgy modern appeal.



'AMALFI' FREESTANDING BATH, VICTORIA + ALBERT

PRICE: \$6500 **DIMENSIONS:** 1640mm x 800mm x 625mm
KEY FEATURES: This shapely tub is made from 'Quarrycast' limestone and resin, making it very durable.





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HANSGROHE 'PURA VIDA' 3-JET HANDSHOWER, BATHE
PRICE: \$299 **DIMENSIONS:** 134mm (diameter) **KEY FEATURES:** With a WELS rating of 3 stars, the white and chrome 'PURA VIDA' hand shower has three spray modes, as well as an anti-limescale cleaning system.



NIKLES 'QUATRE 300' LED OVERHEAD SHOWER, REECE
PRICE: \$349 **DIMENSIONS:** 300mm x 300mm x 94mm **KEY FEATURES:** This 3-star WELS-rated chrome shower has built-in LED lights that illuminate the water. Its square shape allows a thorough soaking.

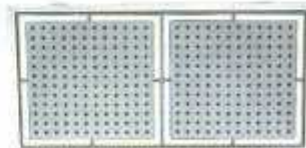


'VEGA' SINGLE-FUNCTION SHOWER SET, PACO JAANSON
PRICE: \$340 **DIMENSIONS:** 757mm x 20mm **KEY FEATURES:** With its swivel function, the chrome 'Vega' shower can move back and forth and side to side with one spray option. It has a 3-star WELS rating.

showers

RAIL, RAIN OR FLUSH - THE GOOD NEWS IS YOU HAVE PLENTY OF CHOICE WHEN IT COMES TO SHOWERS

- ✦ Innovations abound. The best are using less water but doing more with it. Choose a massage function for evenings, a soft rain-shower spray for unwinding or a shower that offers both.
- ✦ Need more options for the family? Opt for a height-adjustable rail for flexibility or an overhead shower for a good soaking.
- ✦ Even if you're not renovating, a new showerhead will pay for itself. A 3-star WELS-rated shower uses as little as six litres per minute and can save 14,500 litres annually.



TEKNOBILI 'PLUS' TWIN OVERHEAD SHOWER, REECE
PRICE: \$999 **DIMENSIONS:** 421mm x 224mm **KEY FEATURES:** Made in Italy, the 'Plus' chrome showerhead sits flush with the ceiling for a tidy, unobtrusive look. It also has a 3-star WELS rating.

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IB RUBINETTERIE 'SUPER BOX' BASIN SET, PACO JAANSON

PRICE: \$595. **DIMENSIONS:** 209mm (H) **KEY FEATURES:** The refined chrome tap delivers a thin flow of water, while the taps are compact and swivel effortlessly for easy use. This set is ideal for adding simple yet sophisticated style to a square basin.



'HYDE' BASIN MIXER, PACO JAANSON

PRICE: \$465. **DIMENSIONS:** 160mm (H) **KEY FEATURES:** Made from chrome, this 5-star WELS-rated mixer adds pizzazz to a bathing space as it projects water from an open channel. It's a great option for a compact space due to its small size.

'VITEO' WALL-MOUNTED BASIN SET, KOHLER →

PRICE: \$319. **DIMENSIONS:** 153mm x 230mm **KEY FEATURES:** This polished chrome mixer has a durable finish that resists tarnishing and corrosion. Being wall-mounted, it gives the vanity area a feeling of extra space and a more slick look.



METHVEN 'AROHA' BASIN SET, REECE

PRICE: \$399. **DIMENSIONS:** 90mm (H) **KEY FEATURES:** Inspired by bird of paradise flowers, this 4-star WELS-rated chrome set is a delight to use with its sumptuous curves, and can be retrofitted.



MARC NEWSON BASIN MIXER, CAROMA

PRICE: \$599 (available March 2013) **DIMENSIONS:** 159mm (H) **KEY FEATURES:** With a WELS-rating of 5 stars, this chrome-plated mixer boasts swivel operation for a minimalist look with a distinctive and not bulky lever.

tapware

GET A HANDLE ON CHIC TAPS AND MIXERS AS THEY IMPACT ON THE OVERALL LOOK AND FEEL OF A BATHROOM

- Integrated levers are making mixers more engaging to the touch and also mean less holes in a beautiful basin or tiled wall.
- Chrome is still the go-to material, whether it's polished, curvy or square. Colour is also making a mark, with white chrome, black powdercoating and white enamel.





**'LATIS' RECTANGLE
STONE BASIN, OMVIVO**

PRICE: \$1947 **DIMENSIONS:** 600mm x 400mm x 130mm.
KEY FEATURES: Made from natural stone, this subtly curved basin brings a modern feel to a bathing zone. It is also available in other colours and solid surface.



CESSI 'GOCCIA' BASIN, ABEY

PRICE: \$1155 **DIMENSIONS:** 400mm x 385mm **KEY FEATURES:** Inspired by the form of pebbles, the 'Goccia 39123' ceramic basin also comes in glossy black and silver. Its elegant and simple flared bowl shape would make for an eye-catching option in a pamper zone.



'KALLOS' GLASS UNDER-COUNTER BASIN, KOHLER

PRICE: \$719 **DIMENSIONS:** 406mm x 130mm **KEY FEATURES:** A stunning statement piece, this spun-glass basin creates depth with its unique reflective pattern, reminiscent of fine-cut crystal. Its delicate looks belie the strength and durability of spun-glass.



'EVO' ASYMMETRIC CERAMIC BASIN, ARGENT

PRICE: \$399 **DIMENSIONS:** 650mm x 455mm x 110mm **KEY FEATURES:** This ceramic basin is a great budget-friendly buy while still showcasing easy elegance. The smart design takes into account a useful ledge for toiletries.

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ADESSO 'ORLY' COUNTERTOP CERAMIC BASIN, TRADELINK

PRICE: \$329 **DIMENSIONS:** 550mm x 350mm **KEY FEATURES:** Offering curves at a steal, the 'Orly' ceramic basin is an on-trend basin for a fraction of the price. This well-formed number will sit pretty on a vanity.

basins

RIGHT NOW, THE HUMBLE BASIN IS GETTING A MAKEOVER BY THE WORLD'S TOP DESIGNERS. REINTERPRETED BY THE LIKES OF PATRICIA URQUIOLA AND MARC NEWSON IN BOTH MATERIAL AND FORM, IT'S HAVING ITS TIME IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- Vanity-mounted basins show off their shapely curves, whereas under-mounted basins provide a seamless finish and are easy to clean.
- Some basins are going it alone: Sophisticated trap systems mean basins can be hung directly to the wall, with no supporting vanity. We're also seeing freestanding basins break free of the wall, coming into the centre of the space like furniture.
- Patterned and multi-faceted glass sinks play up the effect of light through water and form a sculptural centrepiece atop a vanity.
- A basin that's a miniature version of the bath provides complete cohesion but choosing a basin from a different series frees up your choices down the line. There just needs to be a unifying thread.

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CIBO 'GLACIER' FLOOR-MOUNTED VANITY, REECE

PRICE: \$540 **DIMENSIONS:**

900mm x 460mm x 400mm

KEY FEATURES: This easy-to-clean gloss white polyurethane finished vanity has soft-close drawers. It comes standard with a glass top but there are three Caesarstone top options available. The basin is not included.



OMVIVO 'NEO' DOUBLE WALL-HUNG VANITY, REECE

PRICE: \$3328 **DIMENSIONS:**

1400mm x 450mm x 655mm **KEY**

FEATURES: This thermotol finished vanity unit comes with a double basin, and includes soft-close doors and adjustable shelves inside, so you can fit all your bathroom accessories with ease. The 'Chamberly' thermotol door is a modern chic touch.

'CB10' SEMI-RECESSED WASH BASIN & VANITY, MINOSA

PRICE: From \$3650 **DIMENSIONS:**

850mm x 330mm x 500mm **KEY**

FEATURES: Designed with a round basin to the side to maximise storage space, the 'CB10' vanity is a great compact space solution. Bi-fold 2-pac polyurethane-coated doors allow easy access and increased visibility of everything stored.

CATALANO WALL-HUNG VANITY, ROGERSELLER →

PRICE: \$2595 **DIMENSIONS:**

800mm x 480mm x 500mm

KEY FEATURES: A ceramic integrated basin blends with the MDF timber unit to form the 'Star 80' vanity. This neat vanity is available in 12 wood veneers and 21 lacquer finishes to complement your bathing zone.



vanities

THE VANITY IS NOT ONLY A HANDY PLACE TO STASH YOUR TOILETRIES WITH THE RANGE OF CHIC MATERIALS AND DESIGNS AVAILABLE, A VANITY CAN TAKE CENTRE STAGE.

- ✦ Be aware that the price of some vanities will include the basin, and others will need a basin bought and installed separately. Cost up both the basin and the vanity before buying if you're avoiding an integrated option.
- ✦ Get acquainted with the range of materials on offer, with timber, acrylic and stone options.
- ✦ Vanity design is geared towards maximising space and creating easy access to your products. Make sure you select one that suits your needs.



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'REVE' BACK-TO-WALL TOILET SUITE, KOHLER

PRICE: \$1145 **DIMENSIONS:** 895mm x 365mm x 670mm. **KEY FEATURES:** Embodying a more complete model, the 4-star WELS-rated vitreous china 'Reve' has abandoned curves and gone for a more defined look.



ROCA 'DAMA SENSO' WALL-HUNG PAN, REECE

PRICE: \$579 **DIMENSIONS:** 555mm x 355mm x 350mm. **KEY FEATURES:** This compact wall-hung pan has a WELS-star rating of 4 and operates via an in-wall cistern for streamlined appeal and easy cleaning.



'FLO' FLOOR-MOUNT PAN, PACO JAANSEN

PRICE: \$995 **DIMENSIONS:** 515mm x 360mm x 420mm. **KEY FEATURES:** The concealed cistern of the 3-star WELS-rated ceramic 'Flo KER3116' is an inconspicuous option.

'MY NATURE' WALL-HUNG PAN, VILLEROY & BOCH →

PRICE: \$2399 **DIMENSIONS:** 600mm x 370mm x 410mm. **KEY FEATURES:** This 4-star WELS-rated ceramic toilet has a soft-closing chestnut timber veneer seat and lid.



toilets

WHILE MANY TOILETS ON THE MARKET ARE DESIGNED FOR DISCRETION, OTHERS DRAW IN INTERESTING MATERIALS FOR A CHIC LOOK

- ✦ Keep your eye out for toilets that score well in the WELS rating scheme – the more stars, the more efficient – as they'll save you from expensive water bills. You can now even buy toilets with integrated hand basins atop the cistern, which turn hand-washing water into flushing water.
- ✦ If you are short on space, a wall-hung variety operates from a cistern hidden in the wall. Not only does this save space, but it makes the bathroom much easier to keep clean.