



*The best bathrooms combine practicality and ease with personal design expression.*  
MARK BICKERSTAFFE

# Bathe in luxury

**From Kohler:** Reve cast iron bath; Reve wall mount basin and Stance basin mixer.

**GOOD BATHROOM DESIGNS MAKE THE BEST USE OF SPACE AND DO NOT COMPROMISE ON THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS**

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**O**f all the rooms in a home, the bathroom is probably the one with the most fluid potential.

It can be deeply personal – as the room where we expose who we are in privacy – or a communal sanctuary for all in the family.

When you install a bathroom today, it's not just products you would consider – curated in tune with design, it's a lifestyle.

The bathroom today is being made more intuitive and technology plays a big role in it.

As Kohler's director of new product development Mark Bickerstaffe shared at a design community evening in Melbourne recently, wellbeing is one of five leading trends in bathroom design.

The other four fall under self-explanatory categories such as enhanced everyday, our community, engaging and classic tech.

Permeating these trends is technology and it's seeping seamlessly into our bathrooms.

"The most profound effect of technology, beyond controlling water, light, sound and to create the ambience we desire, will be

wellbeing," Mr Bickerstaffe said.

"It's the room where we monitor and manage physical and emotional health. More semi-medical technologies are in our bathrooms and we expect it to adapt to our need for self-care."

As a designer Mr Bickerstaffe said he looked for sensitive use of different materials, especially where people are going to touch and interact. He said attention to detail showed a designer understood what the space had been asked to do.

## OWN YOUR SPACE

If your bathroom is small, choose specific pieces to suit, says Paco Jaanson Australia director Ari Zorlu. "One perfect fitting can transform the ordinary into a private sanctuary," he said. He offers some design tips:



**BATHTUBS**

A bathtub is not a necessity, especially when you have a small bathroom. However, if having a soak is a must, then check out the Rexa Unico Egg bathtub. It is designed for maximum relaxation, with different incline grades to provide comfort whether seated or lying down. The integrated shelf also makes up for the loss of floor space.

**SHOWERS**

The modern bathroom calls for a clean, uncluttered look, and a simply structured showerhead. Choose one that offers power and luxury.

**MIRRORS**

A mirror is not only a functional addition to the bathroom but also adds glamour and light. Look for a product that can do double duty, such as those that feature a large mirror plus floor-to-ceiling storage.

**FLOATING VANITIES**

Floating vanities, like the Signature Buddy vanity, combine a modern feel with simple design and make a small space appear less cluttered.

**DOWNSIZE THE TOILET**

Modern toilets today are eco-friendly and compact in design. Some, such as the Kerasan K09 range, which includes basin, toilet suite and bidet, were created with small apartments in mind.



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