



Let it rain

One are the days when the showerhead was a purely utilitarian choice for the bathroom.

Like many fixtures and fittings in the bathroom, these days the choices are far more varied, with a number of features on offer including colour, lighting, sound and different water settings to name just a few.

"Today there are so many water delivery options to choose from," says Tom Casper, Kohler's national product manager.

"Whether it's gentle mist, a virtual deluge or if you want to shower out loud with music, there is a range of showerheads to suit your changing moods and needs."

The choice in showers is almost endless but if you're unsure where to start there are a few conventional choices when it comes to fittings you should consider.

Standard wall mount showers are connected to your bathroom wall usually via an adjustable arm and range from simple designs to more elaborate models with different angles and multiple spray modes. Prices vary greatly but if you're on a budget, this is definitely where you should start.

For a rain effect, a ceiling-mount model either installs directly on to the ceiling or

hangs down from an extension arm.

Hand showers are another popular option for households and are often attached to a wall-mounted rail.

"Hand showers are a very popular choice with families and make a great alternative to wall or ceiling-mounted showerheads," Tom says. "To give you more flexibility, install on a slide rail or bracket to accommodate a range of heights for all the family."

In terms of features, light and sound are two of the most popular at the moment with Kohler offering a Bluetooth-enabled speaker insert for less than \$250.

Showerheads enhanced by LED lights provide adjustable, mood-matching illumination to make your shower routine that much more enjoyable.

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STYLE

→ Methven's Aio comes with a choice of colours inset in the halo-shaped showerhead for a subtle hint of colour. Choose from Pantone's 2015 Colour of the Year marsala or midnight, classic blue, chrome or white (as pictured). Aurajet Aio by Methven, from \$279.99, from Reece, reece.com.au

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← This showerhead wirelessly streams music, news or any other audio from your compatible device straight to the shower. It has a built-in rechargeable battery that provides about seven hours of run time and syncs with Bluetooth-enabled devices, including smart phones, MP3 players, tablets and laptops up to 10m away. Moxie Showerhead and Wireless Speaker, from \$249 (12.5cm), from Kohler, au.kohler.com

→ This shower has three spray functions – soft rain, intense rain and massage – and a white and chrome round design. Hansgrohe Cromas Select Multi Rail Shower, \$229.99, from Reece, reece.com.au





↪ This dual shower offers more flexibility and has a separate showerhead that you can remove and control in one hand. The modern and sleek design with crisp lines and polished finish, will enhance the style and finish of any contemporary bathroom. Winton Dual Shower, \$499, from Raymor, raymor.com.au



↑ Concealed in the ceiling, this looks like any other rain showerhead. But, once switched on, the Aquabeat will transform your bathroom with several coloured lighting options – known as rainbow chromotherapy – which can be programmed during your shower. There is also the choice of a full body rain shower or a double waterfall flow for a truly luxurious shower. Aquabeat by iB Rubinetterie, from \$3300, from Paco Jaanson, pacojaanson.com.au

↪ This shower uses a low-voltage LED that adds a soft light to your luxurious ceiling shower. The light activates automatically when the shower is in use and remains illuminated for two minutes after the water has been turned off. Cloud Cover Rainlight Square Shower Rose, \$1660, from Rogerseller, rogerseller.com.au



↪ A black matt finish means this stylish showerhead will definitely stand out – especially against white tiles. The adjustable arm allows for many different spatial configurations so you can adjust the direction of the water to suit you. Also available in chrome. Closer showerhead by Zucchetti, \$2695, from Candana, candana.com.au

→ This sleek and streamlined shower column can be built discreetly into your bathroom wall for the ultimate sophistication. Three jets come from the column while a showerhead sits above giving a full body shower. Wallpaper by iB Rubinetterie, \$3300, from Paco Jaanson, pacojaanson.com.au

↪ This stylish on-trend light looks as if it would fit perfectly in an industrial-style bedroom, kitchen or living space. But it's actually a showerhead with the waterjets embedded in the shade's rim. Power is supplied through a connection cable and 12 volt power supply unit meaning it can be switched on and off separately from the shower. Axor LampShower by Nendo, from \$2141, from Hansgrohe, hansgrohe.com.au

