

Dear Reader,

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, there was the providential advent of indoor plumbing. Today, you can enter the modern bath, strip away your clothes, rest your feet upon heated floor tiles and turn on your effervescent whirlpool and soak the day away. You can grab a cold drink from your refrigerated medicine cabinet; turn on the chromotherapy lighting and your favorite show on the flat screen TV before stepping into your purifying steam shower. Grab a warm towel from the heated towel rack and your plush cotton robe. And leave your favorite room of the house, your serenity bath, only when a family member shouts: 'It's my turn!'

THE BATHROOM IS THE NEW LIVINGROOM

Once a strictly functional room, today's stylish bathrooms have evolved into relaxation havens where you can unwind in luxury with picture windows, flat screen TV's, fireplaces, DTV's (an advanced digital showering platform that allows you to control water, sound, light and steam in one totally customizable system), heated toilet seats, whirlpool tubs, steam showers, sitting areas and more.

The bathroom has become a refuge, a living place. It's a sanctuary to begin the day, unwind after work, prepare for a night out or relax and get away from it all. Are you ready to bring the dream to life?

Inside you'll find information about the latest trends, products and news to inspire your next bathroom renovation or construction project. Need more inspiration? Visit our photo gallery online at InspiringBaths.com and then schedule a consultation to speak with an experienced Best bath & tile professional.

Enjoy!

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Going Green Gets Gorgeous

Eco-friendly design used to conjure up images of functional, yet uninspired furnishings and accessories. The term 'green' no longer represents a utilitarian look, but rather, an informed lifestyle. Today, environmentally conscious consumers are demanding that green also be gorgeous. After all, the average family of four uses about 400 gallons of water each day.

"Going 'green' in the kitchen and bath no longer means sacrificing style," says Bob Gordineer, showroom sales manager of Best Plumbing Tile & Stone, headquartered in Somers, NY. "The green products we carry are just as attractive and stylish and cost the same as their non-green counterparts, yet are much more efficient."

Whether you're ready to 'go green' or have been waiting for fixtures to catch up with design, there are an array of ways to convert your traditional bath and kitchen to an environmentally conscious sanctuary, retain the tasteful and chic design elements you desire, and save money.

- **Filtered Water Without Waste:**

Filtration Systems by Kohler eliminate the need to purchase bottled water (whose plastic packaging ends up in landfills.) Whether running hot or cold water, the filtration system - which is installed at the faucet - removes even the tiniest bacteria, microorganisms, and impurities such as VOCs (volatile chemicals, nitrates, fertilizers) and odor, while improving taste.

- **Hands-Free Water Saving:**

Kohler has introduced a hands-free electronic faucet designed specifically for residential use. Designed with built-in, automatic sensors that automatically shut themselves on and off, they prevent wasting valuable water.

- **Recycled and Natural:**

Stone and metal sinks are made exclusively from natural products and make a stunning presentation in kitchens and baths. Kohler's Cast Iron sinks, baths and shower receptors are crafted from 93% recycled and reclaimed materials, which helps conserve natural resources.

- **High-Pressure Low-Waste:**

Drastically lower your water bill with low-flow showerheads. While earlier versions lacked water



pressure because of their low-flow characteristics, today's showerheads contain engines designed to exert the same pressure with less water, saving nearly a gallon of water per minute.

- **Super Efficient, Super Effective:**

Going 'green' should not mean compromised performance. Traditional high efficiency toilets (HETs) took a beating when first introduced into the market because of poor performance technology. Today, Kohler is pioneering the industry by offering the largest breadth of innovative flushing technologies, many of which meet the EPA's strict WaterSense label guidelines, meaning they use 20 percent less water than standard 1.6-gallon toilets. Kohler recently introduced the San Raphael™ Comfort Height™ Pressure Light™ 1.0 gallon per flush (GPF) toilet which provides the most efficient and powerful performance available in a one-piece toilet. The San Raphael™ is one of the many high efficiency models that qualify for water rebate programs.

To find out how you can go green in style, schedule a consultation with a Best bath & tile professional at www.InspiringBaths.com

Explore the Art of Tile

Tile and stone are the building blocks of beauty. Homeowners looking to enhance the overall look of the bath space are choosing tile surfaces such as natural and marble, travertine, limestone, onyx and slate, as well as ceramic, porcelain, metal and glass.

“People are mixing different textures and colors in the bathroom,” says Kymberly Weiner, merchandising and marketing supervisor of Best Plumbing Tile & Stone. “Tile and stone are viewed as the building blocks of any space and can be used to create statement-making visuals.”

Large tiles can be installed on the floor to make the bathroom appear more spacious. Smaller tiles can be used on counters, as backsplashes and toilet enclosures. Together they can be used to build a customized shower. But the creativity doesn't stop in the bath. Tile and stone are also great statement-making additions to the kitchen, foyer, fireplace, mud room, laundry room, basement, family room and outdoor living space.

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Five Trends For The Season!

The Utility Room

Envision a carefully planned, finished room that is integrated into the aesthetics of the home. The utility room is no longer the “mud room”; it's now considered the home management center for laundry, cleaning and gardening. Consumers are installing tiled floor sinks to rinse sandy feet, water plants, wash the dog, fill water buckets and hang clothes all with ease, simplicity and no more heavy lifting.



Think Color

Color no longer means the latest paint chip or color wheel. This season is all about creating visual environments with rich texture and depth by combining different materials and finishes. We're seeing unique combinations of stone, tile, wood and cast iron on countertops, walls, floors and cabinets. The new global color trend is more than a reflection of personal style; it's creating an evocative environment that allows a consumer a calming or invigorating emotional experience.



Create a Customized Bathing Experience

The bathroom has become the haven for privacy and relaxation. Today's whirlpools continue to play a central role in alleviating stress and providing rejuvenation. The consumer can customize the bathing experience with multiple levels of intensity, individual massage zones and optional chromatherapy. Chromatherapy is light therapy, which is said to have a tangible effect on one's emotional state.



Indulge in Time-efficient Luxuries

While the whirlpool remains a cornerstone of luxury in the bath, consumers are also looking for alternative, more time-efficient indulgences for everyday enjoyment. The answer is in the shower. Consumers are creating a customized, personal spa-like experience with purifying steam showers, handshowers, bodysprays and multiple showerheads.



Find your Perfect Toilet

A toilet is no longer just a toilet. Innovative performance technologies, water savings, new designs and comfort options provide consumers with an unprecedented opportunity to demand powerful and efficient performance, save water, seamlessly integrate the fixture into a beautiful space and simultaneously - shall we say - please your bum. Heated toilet seats are also available for climates that experience cold winters or hotter climates where homes have air conditioning.

