

BATHROOM BLISS

1 SIDE BY SIDE
Two bathtubs close together make for sociable bathing. Mixing materials with different textures creates interest. Combine the sleek, sculptural lines of the tubs and twin basins with contrasting textures of a pebble floor, mosaic mirror frame and horizontal blinds.

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This photograph was taken in one of the Ezulwini Lake Suites at Hartford House.



2 NEUTRAL TONES

Neutral and pale tones reinforce a calm, spa-like feel in the modern bathroom and allow for smaller accent pieces to bring colour to the room.

3 GO GREEN

Invest in environmentally friendly bathroom features such as low-flow toilets, showerheads with a water-efficiency rating, energy-efficient lighting and sustainable or recycled building products.

4 ORGANIC SHAPES

The designs of bathtubs and basins are moving away from geometric square forms and are becoming rounded with noticeably softer organic shapes.

5 TAPWARE

The all-in-one, single tap is practical and streamline. Choose a tap or mixer that will suit the decorating style of your bathroom.



Above: Photograph was taken at Morrells Farmhouse.



This photograph was taken at the Quarters Hotel on Avondale Road, Durban. Interior designer: Carol Cornwall from Cornwall International Décor & Interior Design.



Photograph taken at Hartford House.



6 FREESTANDING FOCUS
 Freestanding baths are the standout trend of the moment. A deep soaker bath is practical in a small bathroom to maximise space.

7 ILLUSION OF SPACE
 Use mirrors and windows to create an illusion of space in small bathrooms. Ornate panelling, or a large mirror with a detailed frame, is a stylish way to update your bathroom.

8 SPECIAL TREATS
 Make sure your bathroom is a place where you can soothe and excite the senses. Scented candles, luxurious bath products and fluffy towels will turn bath time into a special treat.

9 VANITIES
 Stylish wood vanities that would look in place anywhere in the home are replacing mass produced cabinetry and medicine cabinets. Vanities with deep drawers and plenty of shelf space are the perfect storage solution in your bathroom. Soften the square shape of the vanity with round basins in an interesting finish, texture or colour.



Above: Photograph taken at Morrells Farmhouse.
 Left and opposite page: Photographs taken at Hartford House.



10 MAGNIFICENT MARBLE
 Marble is the ultimate in bathroom luxury. It is used here for the bath, tabletops and floor tiles, giving this room an instant glamorous look.

11 SENSIBLE SEATING
 Stylish upholstered antique French furniture pieces are making their way from high-rise hotels into homes.

12 COVER UP

For less clutter in a small bathroom, keep the window coverings subtle by using blinds or simple curtains.

13 LIGHT UP

Lighting in the bathroom is not only functional. Create a focal point with an impressive chandelier or set the mood with candles. Place lights or candles in front of a mirror to add interesting, subtle reflections.

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14 GOLDEN ACCESSORIES

When considering your bathroom decor, think of your taps as accessories that reflect and complete your decorating style. The rich look of gold taps provides a dramatic contrast to brilliant white fixtures. It goes well with period styles and adds a luxurious feel to your bathroom.



This photograph was taken at Morrells Farmhouse – the first house in Northcliff – built in 1922. Turn to page 77 to see how Mike and Bernice Morrell restored it into an elegant retreat.

15 LIFETIME VALUE
Choose materials and finishes that beautify the overall look of the room, but also provide lifetime value.

16 NO MORE MATCHING
Traditional, contemporary, fun or elegant – you will find a vessel-style basin for any bathroom style. This style of wash basin is free-standing and sits directly on the countertop or furniture on which it is mounted – based on the centuries-old design the Chinese used in the days before running water.

When choosing a vessel-style basin, the traditional rule of choosing bathroom fixtures all in the same colour and style no longer applies.

17 NATURAL FINISHES
Do not use synthetic materials that were not available in the early part of the 20th century if you want to create a vintage look. Use materials such as stone, tile, brick and wood for period-style floors, walls and cabinetry.

18 DAZZLING TILES
Decorative mosaic and handmade tiles allow you to play around with different colours, textures and a dazzling array of possibilities including real marble, sandstone, travertine, coloured glass and even stainless steel.

19 NIFTY NANO
Nanotechnology includes a process that treats the tile's surface to increase the sheen, enhance the colour and to improve protection against stains and marks.



20 VINTAGE FURNISHINGS
Bring the look of lived-in furniture to the bathroom by converting a beautiful antique cabinet into a vanity. A small table or plant stand can be used as storage pieces.



The enhanced density of Nano tiles ensures that there are no air holes for bacteria to multiply. Nano tiles are available at Tile Africa stores nationwide.



The Polar Grigio Magic Aquastone mosaic tile range, available from Tile Africa, features a variety of monochromatic colours, combined with softer creams and unique embedded pebbles.



Above: Rust in White Lifestyle and Interiors added a touch of glamour with candles, fresh flowers and a glitzy chandelier.

Left: Paper Cake Trading supplies a variety of unique handmade tiles to add glamour to splashbacks.

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