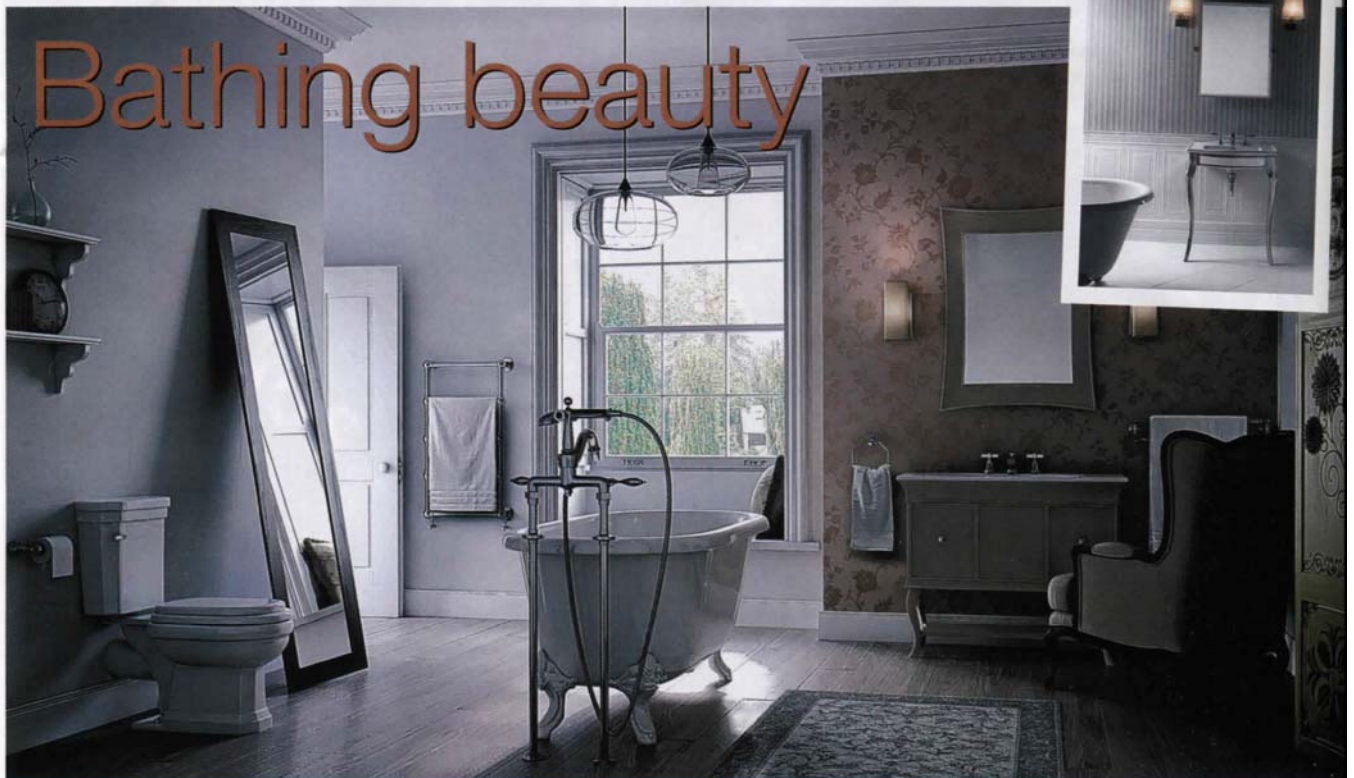


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## Bathing beauty

*Willbond can help you add a touch of style and luxury to your bathroom space in 2015*

Lisa Jepson from Willbond Bathrooms in Derby looks at some of the big trends for the new year.

### Free-standing bath tubs

While luxurious walk-in showers and wetroom areas will continue to rise in popularity, alongside this will be a call for more indulgent bathing, freestanding options a key trend.

The sleek beauty of the showering area will contrast with the more ornate and opulent feel of these more glamorous baths – providing modern functionality plus a little bit of decadent luxury.

### Furniture

Basins on top of vanity units have been a common sight for the past decade and will still be popular in 2015, but we're now seeing a return to elegant Victorian-style basins with feature legs. Charmingly old-fashioned, these also help give the appearance of more space and can be used effectively in contemporary or traditional styled bathrooms. Where the space permits, expect a resurgence of two basins within the bathroom.

### Tiles

Say goodbye to those gleaming white metro tiles. Grey has taken over as the main colour choice, particularly for sleek wetrooms and en



suites – with natural, stone-effect options in different shapes and sizes adding texture and warmth. This combination is a good background for any accent colour such as coral and mauve to achieve an elegant yet refined look in 2015.

### Mirrored units and metallics

Create a sense of space with shiny metallics and gleaming, reflective surfaces. The bathroom is where the interior trend of mixing old with new,

using finishes such as brass, chrome and copper, works especially well. Hiding storage behind full-length mirrors or mirror-fronted cabinets will be popular. This is ideal if you're on a budget but would like to refresh the look of your bathroom.

### Furnishings

Expect to see more furniture and furnishings in the bathroom as the trend away from the clean, uncluttered lines of minimalism continues. Look out for ostentatious touches, such as the full-on use of dressing tables, shelves, bookcases, armchairs, and even wallpaper, to add a little character and style.

### Lighting

The continued focus on dramatic mood effects will see more pendant lights, chandeliers and ultra-chic hidden lighting using LEDs, accentuating architectural features and providing striking focal points.

### Remote controlled showering

Forget about twiddling settings to get the right water temperature, a new generation of clever remote control systems and mobile app lets you simply touch one button from the comfort of your bedroom and stagger into the bathroom and enjoy an pre-programmed and pleasurable showering experience. Simply divine!

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