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WHAT WILL THE BATHROOM OF 2015 LOOK LIKE?

Big trends for the coming year from Willbond

Free-standing bath tubs: Whilst luxurious walk-in showers and wetroom areas will continue to rise in popularity, alongside this will be a call for more indulgent bathing with 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 the very best of both worlds – 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 seeing a return to elegant Victorian-style basin's 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. If the space permits and as masculine products take up an increasing amount of space in the bathroom we will see the resurgence of two basins within the bathroom.

Tiles: Say goodbye to those gleaming white metro tiles we've been seeing for the past five years. 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; so the use of coral and mauve will help achieve an elegant yet refined look in 2015.

Mirrored units and metallics in the bathroom: Create a sense of space with shiny metallics and gleaming, reflective surfaces. The bathroom has now adopted the popular interior trend of mixing old with new so we will see finishes such as brass, chrome and copper being used. Hiding useful storage behind full-length mirrors or mirror-fronted cabinets instead of the vanity units will be popular. This is ideal if you're on a budget and



Willbond Cleo freestanding bath

can't really afford a huge bathroom revamp, but would like an instant and easy quick-fix.

Furnishings: Expect to see more furniture and furnishings generally 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. All these elements combine to create a cosy haven, more akin to a living room or boudoir

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: These days, there's really no need to fuss around in the mornings trying to turn the shower on manually or adjusting settings until you find the correct temperature and spray pressure. A new generation of clever remote control systems and mobile apps lets you simply touch one button from the comfort of your bedroom and all you have to do is stagger into the bathroom and enjoy an instant, pre-programmed and pleasurable showering experience. What a divine wake-up call!

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