

BATHROOM TRENDS FOR 2016

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

IF YOU'RE tired of the white-and-beige bathroom, you're in luck as 2016 décor gets a stylish update with gold detailing, geometric patterns and strong dramatic colours. Think grey, mustard, ginger and even orange!

Look out for champagne golds, sun-kissed caramels and gleaming coppers. These lustrous hues translate across all elements and can result in a smoky, sultry effect.

Natural materials like wood, plants, natural objects and fibres will play a significant role in 2016 too, helping to create a restful space and bringing the outdoors inside.

Whether it's on the floor, a piece of furniture or a console for the wash basin, wood creates a lovely homely atmosphere. It provides seamless transition from the bathroom to other living areas, and is completely in line with the current trend.

We will see softer organic shapes too that will be accessorised with hand-crafted pottery or handwoven textiles.

Mix Metallics and Warm Metals

In 2016, metals are coming back in full strength. We saw a little bit of rose-tones and copper in 2015, but you can embrace it fully in the coming year as these warm gold-tones especially in taps, heated towel rails and products like copper baths ooze opulence and longevity.



Beautiful Baths

As the ultimate signature of style, it's still hard to beat a beautiful freestanding bath and now's the time to be brave with colour and shape. A boldly painted exterior on the bath or an eye-catching shape, such as a bateau style or slipper design, is especially striking.

Tiles Are Going Geometric

Whether it is a backsplash, an intricately patterned floor or walls, tiles are bold with a capital B! We wait to see if consumers will gravitate towards the more colour-block and bold geometric patterns characterised in the 1930s, 50s and 70s which we are now seeing in tiles.



Walk-in showers

Flowing straight from 2015 is the double shower or walk-in spaces which are certainly still on the "what's hot" list for bathroom trends this year. The difference in 2016 is that the space will be more refined and intimate. It's not how big it is, but how cleverly you use it. Think shower controls outside the shower area, Bluetooth speakers used via your tablet or phone and built in alcoves for toiletries.

Accessories

From our walls to under our feet, animals are everywhere in 2016 interiors as is the tribal influence and it goes beyond just textiles. It includes natural horns as well as artwork and accessories, wooden carved ornaments and even animal printed towels and fake zebra skin rugs.



The growing trend of artisan non-mass produced items is now reaching gigantic proportions, with lots of artisan and handmade online marketplaces. You'll be able to find artisan and crafty bathroom items such as lotions packaged in brown chemist-style jars which look beautifully old-school as well as handmade bath mats or handmade vases.

Groups of small mirrors or a large statement mirror help achieve a 'finished' look and can create a fantastic optical illusion. Tall slender freestanding mirrors can dramatically transform modern spaces too or try a hexagon shape for a vintage vibe to a modern setting.

Lighting

The focus on dramatic mood effects continues and so we will again see more pendant lights, chandeliers and ultra-chic hidden lighting using LEDs to accentuate architectural features and providing striking focal points.

In short, don't be afraid to indulge in your dramatic, glamorous tastes in 2016, the white backdrop of the bathroom suite is the perfect canvas for bold colours and bright schemes - so don't stick to one shade when you can have it all.... go on inject some colour-personality!

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