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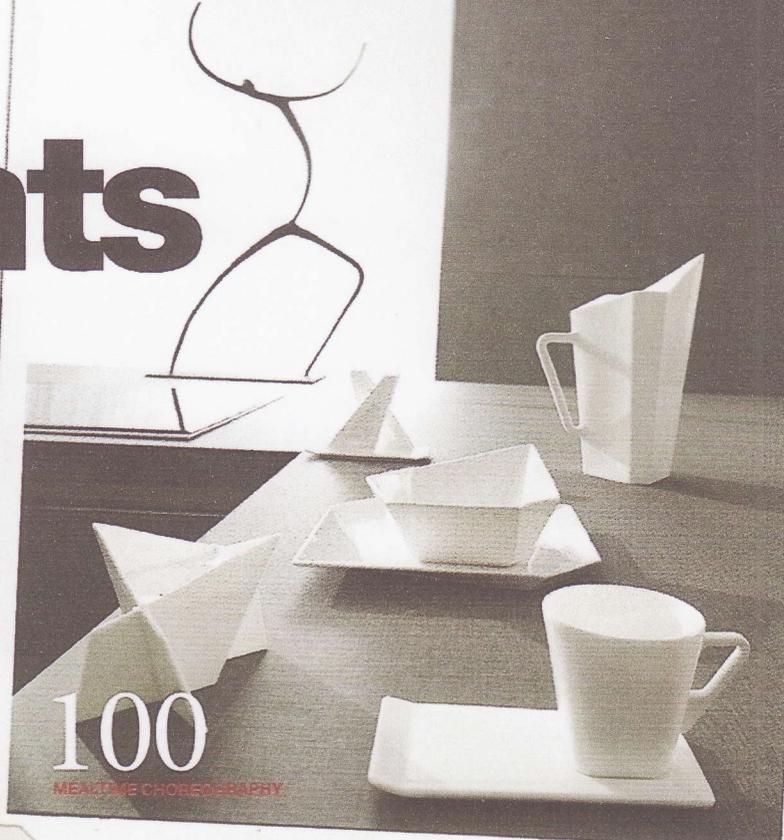
SAFETY ZONE

30 ways to keep the bathroom hazard-free



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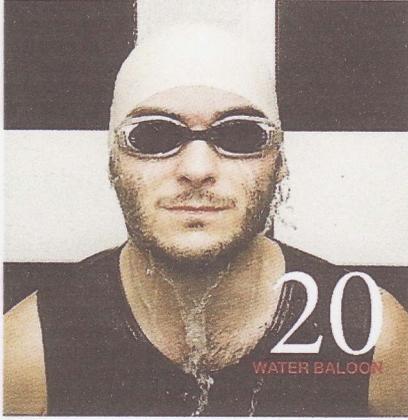
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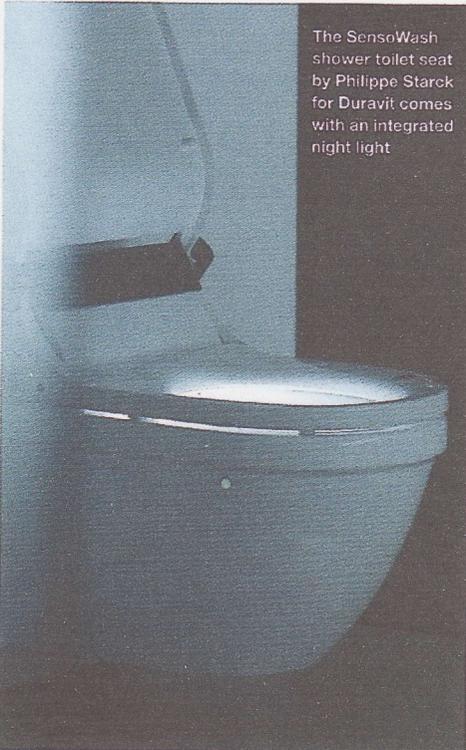
BOLD & SAFE STATEMENTS



19 GUIDE THE WAY

If motion-controlled lights are not your thing, install night lights in the bathroom, be it in the form of cabinets with night lights, toilet seats with ambient lighting, or wall lights. Other than providing illumination for night trips to the bathroom, they double as comforting ambient lights for children's bedrooms if the bathroom door is left slightly ajar.

The SensoWash shower toilet seat by Philippe Starck for Duravit comes with an integrated night light



20 LET THERE BE LIGHT

Light switches should require minimum effort to operate (for example, rocker switches) and be placed outside the bathroom at a height that can be reached by children and those with limited mobility (about 1.2m above floor level). Use switches that emit light when it's dark or better yet, install lighting systems with lights that come on gradually when sensors detect that someone has entered the room.

21 POWER UP

Electricity does not go well with water, where bathroom users are concerned. Therefore, while electrical outlets need to be incorporated into the sink and vanity areas, never leave appliances with long power cords plugged into the outlets. Also, place covers over all electrical outlets to prevent against accidents involving children or curious pets.

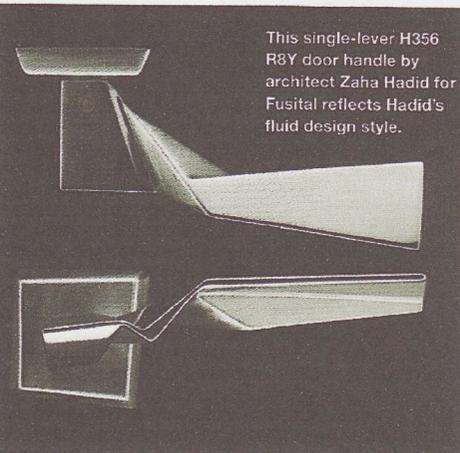
22 CHORE MADE SIMPLE

Installing kid-proof sink countertops with features like durability, ease of maintenance and resistance to scratches as well as stains makes cleaning up a simple task. Mount the sink closer to the front edge of the countertop so that users do not need to stretch far when washing their hands or face.

23 GET A HANDLE ON IT

Just like faucets, single-lever door handles are the easiest to operate. If the bathroom is used by small children, the sickly or the elderly, get handles that can be opened from both sides of the door, in case of emergencies.

This single-lever H356 R8Y door handle by architect Zaha Hadid for Fusital reflects Hadid's fluid design style.



The To Be Touched light switch by Philips controls light characteristics like colour saturation and temperature. Its backlight turns off when no one is within the range of the device after 15 seconds.

24 STEP UP

Worried that the sink or toilet is at a comfortable height for adults but not for the little ones sharing the bathroom? Some designers and bathroom manufacturers suggest building sink countertops at two different heights or getting standard height toilets, but if you have limited space in your bathroom, try getting a sturdy step stool with skid-resistant leg tips.

Stepping stools allow children to reach taller fixtures. The sink is from the Darling collection by Duravit



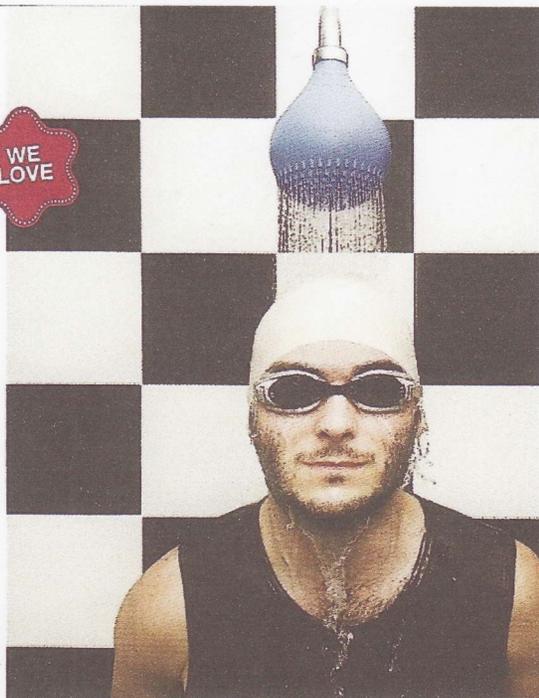
News & Trends



SERVING SPARROWS

Add fun to the kitchen with the playful Sparrow Server Set by Qualy. Not only do they brighten up your day, these serving utensils are convenient and easy to reach for. The set comes with a ladle, slotted spoon, solid spoon, spaghetti server and hang-on stand. Qualy is available at Hart Living.

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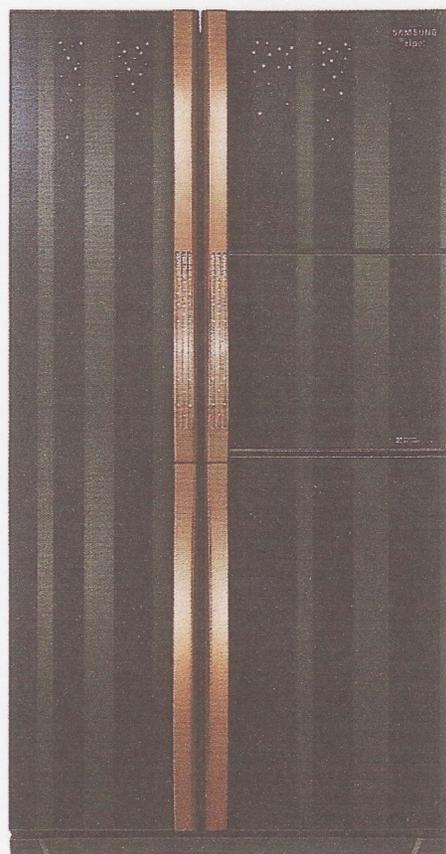
Water Balloon

If you are tired of rectangular and round showerheads or fancy showering with a sculptural drop of water positioned above your head, iB Rubinetterie's Drop Series showerheads will delight you. Available in blue, orange, black and white, these showerheads are made of silicone, a material that is flexible, non-toxic, non-stick and resistant to oxygen and sunlight. Available at Equip-Design & Supply.

WWW.EQUIP-DESIGN.COM, 603-2141 0582

Bejewelled Doors

Samsung's RS26MBZBL Premium Edition "Jewellery" refrigerator brings bling to food cooling. Pink and gold lines that mimic champagne bubbles sparkle with light on the Champagne Handle, transforming the simple act of opening fridge doors into a classy one. This glamorous fridge also contains Eco Slim technology, which combines insulating materials, smart sensors that control the fridge's temperature and humidity levels, as well as an energy saving compressor. WWW.SAMSUNG.COM.MY



Double Insight

The In2ition Shower lets you choose between using the showerhead, separate hand shower or even a combination of both. Experience the luxury of having warm water stream onto your head while you massage sore muscles with the flexible hand shower. In2ition also comes with a pause function so you can conserve water while lathering and soaping. DELTA IS AVAILABLE AT BATH DECO MARKETING (603-7960 3388). TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DELTA'S PRODUCTS, VISIT WWW.DELTAFAUCET.COM.

Eco Deco

"Rigid yet flexible, composed of 75% recycled materials, practically resistant to impact, chemicals and scratches, easily maintained with soap and water, non-absorbent and obtainable in a variety of colours and textures." This long list of countertop features looks like it can be found only in dreams. This material does in fact exist in the form of Eco by Cosentino, a new series by Silestone. The series is available from Nairocc Sdn Bhd. WWW.NAIROCC.COM.MY, 603-6140 6393/012-908 9232.



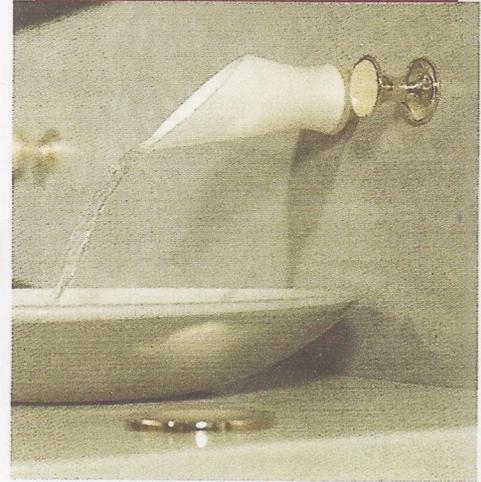


Olympian Pedestal

The 2008 Olympics was over three years ago. Yet, the bird's nest-like Beijing Olympic Stadium remains an architectural icon. The Nest shower tray from the Olympic collection by Vitruvit has grooves that **echo the stadium's criss-cross steel frame and channel water out** while providing a non-slip stage for showering. **VITRUVIT IS AVAILABLE AT EQUIP-DESIGN & SUPPLY AND HOMEWERKZ.**

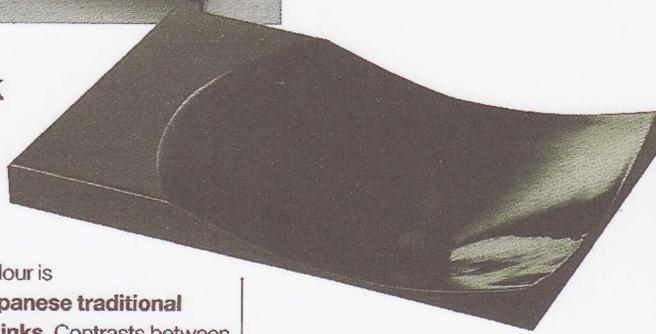
Lustrous Spout

The Soffi Gold Fever Edition from the Murano Glass faucet collection by Bongio is no loud reference to bamboo plants. Instead, its delicate pearly hue and gold accents, coupled with the curved glass waterspout expresses the **contemporary yet graceful form of bamboo shoots**. For other modern bamboo-like faucets, try Bongio's Acquavivo range. **BONGIO IS AVAILABLE FROM KHK ASIA PTE LTD.**



Ink in the Sink

If you think the water running over the Waza Noir Rectangle Lavatory by Toto reminds you of ink, you are not far from the truth. The sink's rich colour is **based on "Sumi", the Japanese traditional handcrafted calligraphy inks**. Contrasts between matte and glossy surfaces as well as rectangular and round shapes that make up the sink give it a unique look. The Waza collection is not sold in Malaysia - yet. **TOTO IS AVAILABLE FROM W.ATELIER SDN BHD.**

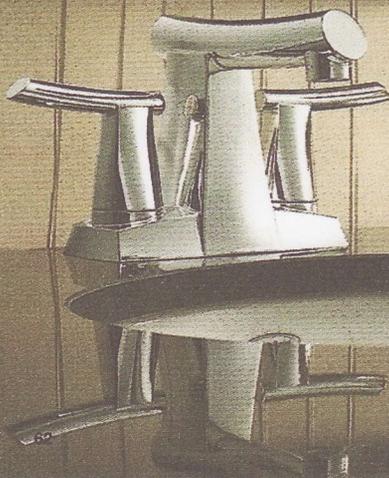


Journey to the East

The subtlety and poetry of East Asian design is embodied through these bathroom accessories

BATHROOM GATEWAY

Placed in pairs, the Green Tea Widespread bathroom faucets by American Standard resemble the **curved lintels of traditional gates found at Japanese shrine entrances**. Function-wise, the pullout central spout (like that of kitchen faucets) is great for tasks like washing hair and cleaning sinks or bathtubs. **AMERICAN STANDARD IS AVAILABLE AT KOON HOE & COMPANY.**



Magic of Immersion

Two of the best tubs inspired by the Japanese "ofuro" are the Onto bathtub by Duravit and the Sorrento Modern Sit Tub by Victoria + Albert. Both offer a comforting deep-soaking experience, but that's where similarities end - the Onto tub uses **minimal floor space** while the Sorrento has a **traditional curved shape**, formed with a piece of volcanic limestone and resin (hardwood steps optional). **VICTORIA + ALBERT BATHS ARE AVAILABLE AT EQUIP-DESIGN & SUPPLY; DURAVIT IS AVAILABLE FROM BINA WAREHOUSE.**

