

Fall/Winter 2002-03:

Bathrooms are a luxurious retreat

Spa-inspired bathrooms continue to grow in popularity, creating a much-needed relaxing retreat in the midst of a busy home. Fall/Winter 2002/2003 bathroom décor raises the spa trend to new heights, with an evolution towards creating the ultimate, five-star-hotel-environment in the convenience of home.

"This season's bathrooms are soothing, luxurious, stocked with indulgences such as bath beads and oils, and well-equipped with the latest spa equipment," says Jacqueline Glass, interior decorator, Jacqueline Glass and Associates Inc. As one of Canada's leading interior decorators, Glass reveals the key bathroom décor and renovation trends to anticipate in Fall/Winter 2002/2003.

1. Continuity and minimalist design

This season sees the use of one material, such as limestone, throughout the room in everything from floors to countertops, and showers to tubs. As an alternative to limestone, mosaics of tiles are also popular and work nicely when paired with a grey colour palate. Using only one medium establishes a fluid, classic look.

2. White continues to dominate—well past Labour Day!

To complement the spa-environment, white is the most popular shade this season, used in everything from countertops to towels, and toilets to



wall colour. To further establish a calming effect, white shades can be contrasted with cooler tones such as grey mixed with darker gray veins, similar to carrera marbles.

3. Luxurious to the touch

Terry towel fabric is the season's most popular trend in bathroom fabric.

Mimicking the look of a professional spa, it is being used to upholster pillows, chairs and even loungers. Each of these items, when incorporated into a bathroom, helps to establish a lavish environment. For those with less space to work with, stack Terry towels on shelves to achieve a luxurious touch.

4. Using shelves as a display case

Shelving works well in bathrooms because it provides a place to display and stack items and indulgences such as bowls of bath salts and loofah brushes, establishing décor with functional items. This season's shelves are made from materials such as wood, laminate, glass, or, for the ultimate in convenience, custom-made, built-in units.

5. The finishing touch

To complement the spa-inspired look popular this season, choose smooth, clean lined faucets, such as the Delta Select Trevi, Delta Select Riviera, and for a more traditional look, the Victorian Collection, all of which work well in a luxurious space. Enhance the look of the room by choosing a finish in either chrome or brushed nickel – two attractive and popular finishes this season.

To further pamper the body, Glass recommends installing shower systems with multiple adjustable jets, such as the Monitor® 1700 and 1800 Series Jetted Shower System and Delta Select Total Escape, for a total shower experience.

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