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# Luxurious Gold

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**S**ynonymous with luxury and opulence, the colour gold has been enjoying a resurgence as of late. This is not the brassy yellow gold of decades past, but a fresh revitalized look of gold that not only gives this metallic colour a new lease on life but also gives the design world an inspiring playful element.

Metallic finishes are always a distinctive element in design and décor. They are easy to incorporate into any space and often can be the heart of the design. Metals can inspire creativity or simply be the finishing touches to your space. When looking to design a “spa-like” bathroom retreat, consider adding a bit of gold for that luxe-look. One “gold-toned” finish that definitely deserves some attention is un-lacquered brass: warm, less formal than polished nickel, less typical than chrome. Un-lacquered brass has an organic, unparalleled finish that is sometimes referred to as a “living finish”. Due to the absence of the lacquer, this durable solid brass finish is able to naturally age over time and develop a beautiful patina of colour and unique texture unique. It offers a beautifully aged slightly antiqued look. Un-lacquered brass can complement a modern design, work with rustic influences or add old-world charm to a traditional space.

When creating a high-end bathroom oasis, functionality, durability and comfort are just as important as selecting finishes that offer a level of timelessness. Your faucets are not only the “jewellery” in your bathroom, they are also one of the hardest working elements sustaining a large amount of daily use and abuse; as such, quality is of the utmost importance.

As we know, sourcing reliable and reputable faucets for sinks, baths and showers can be a significant part of the design process; and knowledge is an important part of making the right selections for your project. Take the time to understand the practical elements of your selections, from water pressure, and ease of cartridge replacement, to warranties and faucet repair or replacement, there can be



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Shropshire clawfoot slipper tub by Victoria + Albert



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several deciding factors when making your final choice. Another factor you may want to consider in your decision-making process is installation. For example, exposed shower systems have gained notoriety as of late and may prove to be a simpler installation option for your project. In this case, the mixers are combined with the temperature and pressure components of the shower and are located on the exterior of the shower wall usually in unison with the shower head.

Whether wall mount, single lever, vintage inspired or more modern and streamlined, your selection can be the difference between a moderately successful bathroom design and renovation, or a truly remarkable one. *od*



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### The following are important tips to keep in mind when selecting your bathroom faucets:

- To avoid delays or additional costs decide early on in the renovation process if you are wanting counter top or wall mounted faucets as this is critical when your plumbing rough-ins are being completed. Also, consult with your contractor or plumber if you're looking to situate plumbing on exterior walls.
- Touchless faucets require electrical mechanisms that mount under the countertop. Often, the sink does not allow for enough room to accommodate them.
- Wall hung sinks and floating countertops can be great, but ensure that any exposed plumbing is well constructed and metallic pea traps are used. All too often, contractors install plastic ones and they become unsightly focal pointed when construction is complete.
- Select the best quality faucets from reputable suppliers that the budget permits to ensure longevity, durability and maintainability.