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# The Luxury Showerbath

The latest in modern comfort may hide behind fittings that resonate with the past. **By Mary Ellen Polson**

## 1. SHIMMERING IN WATER

The koi mural is part of a custom-designed shower with hand-cut tiles. Design and finish tiles for custom pieces start at \$150 per square foot; this design was about \$250 per square foot. North Prairie Tileworks, (612) 871-3421, [handmadetile.com](http://handmadetile.com)



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## 2. TRUNK CALL

Accent a vintage tub with the Huron wall-mount faucet in polished brass. Very English details include an elephant-trunk spout and telephone-cradle hand shower. In solid brass, it's equipped with a drip-free cartridge system. \$571.90. House of Antique Hardware, (888) 223-2545, [houseofantiquehardware.com](http://houseofantiquehardware.com)



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## 3. CLEARLY SUPERIOR

Tempered-glass towel bars were luxury accessories in early 20th-century baths. These faithful reproductions come in 18", 24" and 30" lengths with solid brass ends in five finishes. \$117.45-\$133.65. Period Bath Supply Co., (585) 325-2264, [periodbath.com](http://periodbath.com)



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## 4. SLEEK HEAT

Warm your towels or the entire room with the Neptune towel radiator. It's available in both electric and hydronic models; choose from chrome or one of 100 colors. Starting at \$746 (electric) and \$1,227 (hydronic). Runtal North America, (800) 526-2621, [runtalnorthamerica.com](http://runtalnorthamerica.com)



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## 5. 1915 AND NOW

The new DXV Oak Hill 30" high-back console sink is a modern version of a classic turn-of-the-20th-century design. The solid brass legs come in polished chrome, brushed or platinum nickel, and satin brass. \$1,300. From American Standard, (800) 442-1902, [americanstandard-us.com](http://americanstandard-us.com)



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Serial restorer **Mary Ellen Polson** is known for her discerning eye for period furnishings.



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**6. HAND BRUSHED**

The artisan-crafted Avila bath sink is forged of high-quality recycled copper, hand dipped in nickel, and brushed by hand. It takes thousands of hammer strikes to create this one-of-a-kind, functional work of art. \$1,125. Native Trails, (800) 786-0862, nativetrails.net



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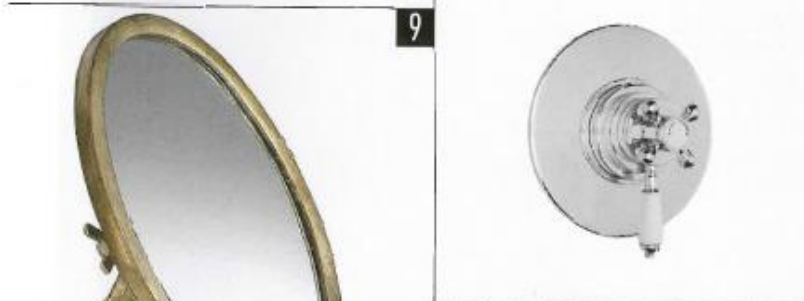
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**7. MR. DARCY'S BATH**

Neoclassical in appearance, the St. Bordeaux freestanding soaking tub is made of a cast alloy with a slow-baked enamel interior. It's 62" long x 28" wide x 19" deep. The exterior comes in enameled, metallic, and hand-polished finishes. \$10,800. The Bath Works, (931) 381-5711, thebathworks.com

**8. RAINDROPS OVERHEAD**

Slake yourself with water under a period-perfect 12" apron showerhead in chrome, controlled by the coordinating concealed thermostatic dual-control shower valve with all the latest temperature control technology. The valve is 7 1/4" in diameter with a 3" projection. \$445.90. Hudson Reed, (877) 778-8460, usa.hudsonreed.com



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**9. ON ITS FEET**

A gentler take on the Victorian penchant for footed furnishings based on taxidermy, the iron Duck Leg Mirror by Cyan Designs has a gold-tone finish. It measures 7 1/4" wide x 13" high. \$160. Blue Sky Environments Interior Decor, (855) 341-1401, bseid.com



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**10. ESPRIT DE FLEUR**

Even the shower drain goes glamorous with the period-inspired Fleur. Made of forged brass, the drain cover comes in 30 finishes and measures 5 1/4" square. \$175-\$280. California Faucets, (800) 822-8855, calfaucets.com