

Toolbox News

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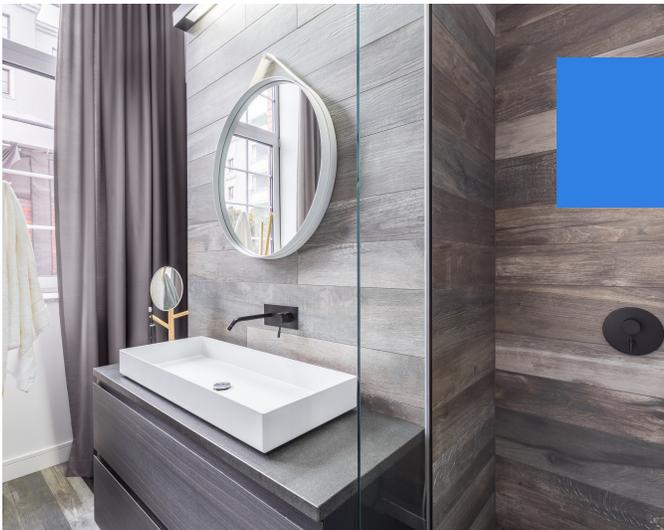


The entry statement

The psychology of a front door reveals who we are. There is much analysis with color to keep in mind. Brighter yellows reveal your inner playful character. Or a calm sea aqua may just speak to the yogi and peace in your life. Make your front door about you. Don't be afraid to brighten up the ordinary browns and celebrate who you are. The brighter the better! Your entry begs to tell a story about your values.

The faucet

So many choices in a fixture that brings us our water. More finishes today than ever before. Styles that will blow your mind from country cottage to contemporary. Choices like; electronic to basic, shiny to gunmetal dull, brilliant chromes to brushed gold to matte black. 'Whatever blows your skirt up' is yours creating your own unique space.



Nature blended

Is it just me or are all bathroom materials moving more and more towards nature? The calm of the outdoors along with the sophistication of soft contemporary cabinets, Horizontal tiles expand the width of the space. In this bathroom round occurs over and over yet it is nicely paired with several rectangles, just like in nature.



The pedestal faucet

The luxurious free standing tub screams a handsome pedestal statement. It becomes the furnishing for your open spaced bathroom. The different shapes and finishes are endless to choose from, with tons of choices both online and in 'real' plumbing showrooms where you can actually touch and feel the fixture. My favorite showroom is Ferguson and their online company www.build.com. The service is impeccable but know this that when ordering in the showroom delivery takes longer. A pedestal faucet is an investment that pays off showing off your master retreat with style.

Simple beauty

Have you seen an HGTV program where they have so much clutter by the staggers that it detracts from all of the natural build elements? I've seen this time and time again, the over done accessories, too much furniture in small spaces. What were they thinking? Keep it simple and clean for a much bigger wow. Clutter confuses our mind leaving the experience exhausting and chaotic.



Strip drain

The strip drain or gutter drain is such a nice change-up from the center drain. It's especially beautiful if you can use it on a curbless shower or shower with no dam. Drainage must slope well. This must be figured in early as your framing up the shower in the rough-in stage. There are many fun design options for your unique shower look.

Favorite tool



You may not be able to see this very well but this lightweight skill-saw is so handy. The Ryobi cordless saw is perfect for me on jobs that require a quick cut or rip. I don't want a lot of kick back from a saw with a large power cord. This baby is easy to charge up and take with me wherever I go. Often I get a lot of laughs from the guys for having a 'girl' saw, but I have no shame - I like the lightweight and flexibility of this power tool.

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Happy = no shoes

Whenever I get the opportunity to do some earthing I love it. What's that you say? It's getting your skin connecting to the earth and absorbing the natural elements. If you ever notice, your happy factor goes way up! Try it and get your inner hippie on!