

TRENDS FOR '23

*We asked
five Cheshire
designers to
tell us what we
can expect in
interiors in 2023*

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CALM BATHROOMS

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Let there be light... The trend for glossy cabinets, dark walls and shots of colour hailing from Morocco is on its way out, to be replaced with something entirely different, aimed at creating a soothing ambience.

2023 sees a palette of natural tones and materials honed from the ground, creating a sense of harmony, a sense of place and built on choices that bring us closer to nature. Think organic but see this colliding with tech. Functionality will be key. Water preservation, heat conductive materials and lasting, quality design will be interwoven with these elemental themes.

The focal point of any bathroom is the bathtub. Rounded free-standing bathtubs make a bathroom feel spacious and convey this sense of the organic. Matt, elliptical, stone-derived creations will be top of many people's wish list. Smooth to touch, these retain the water's heat, reducing the need to top up the tub. Whatever your budget, you will not regret investing in one that is beautiful and has longevity, combining a sense of lavishness with solidity.

Natural materials have been around for a while in the design



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Evoked the feel of a luxury spa in your bathroom

world but we will see more raw, untreated wood to satisfy our need to be closer to nature. There can be no better way than a beautiful, natural slab acting as a vanity top: the unrivalled focal point of the space it graces, it can also define and determine the style of the room itself. It is the rugged natural edge of the vanity top that gives it a unique identity and allows you to create a bathroom that is truly exceptional.

Exceptional isn't always in the visual. Who doesn't dream of a tropical downpour, warm raindrops falling from the sky, water so soft it is barely there? It can exist outside of the tropics. The technical advances in shower-ware enable shower experiences that mimic this. Overhead designs allow for relaxing rain spray, mono-spray and even all-immersive powder rain: a sensual spray that cocoons the body in millions of micro-fine drops. These experiences connect

us to the elemental draw of water, its life-giving qualities, and give us a feeling of being cleansed. The shower has come a very long way from splattered enclosures and unsightly raised trays...

The influence of the natural world continues unabated in the lighting world. Soft, subtle lighting will be chosen over statement pieces in the bathroom. Lighting systems that are almost hidden from view will have the dual purpose of illuminating chosen areas and creating an atmosphere of serenity. The tech element sees lighting options imitating daylight with hues of light taken from places around the world in order to channel wellness.

A larger format of porcelain tiles for both the walls and floors will accentuate the sense of space. Reach out for earthy tones to evoke the feel of a luxurious spa.

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