



Tall pantry cabinets can provide plenty of storage and some welcome separation. The grey tones of Canyon Creek Cabinet Co.'s Shadow and Charcoal stains on maple provide a complement to the statement tile that is currently a popular look. The company's Trio door style is a variation on Shaker. Circle No. 175 on Product Card



Conceived by Italian design studio Nespoli e Novara, Expo is one of the latest offerings from Graff. The design of the pieces in the line - which include a vanity with washbasin, hanging shelves and a mirror - was inspired by the shape of a vintage carpenter's bench. All of the pieces are available in a matte white finish. Circle No. 177 on Product Card



Divia is a modular vanity system from Hastings Tile & Bath that utilizes glass or porcelain cabinet panels to match any of its glass or porcelain countertop finishes. With a color palette of over 80 cabinet finishes and over 40 countertop finishes, Divia delivers thousands of design possibilities. Circle No. 179 on Product Card



Signature cabinetry from Wolf Home Products now offers Smart-Shield technology, a laminate wrap that emulates the look of painted wood and reduces the possibility for moisture intrusion. The cabinet is available in one door style and four finishes, and as a special order in three additional door styles in four finishes. Circle No. 181 on Product Card



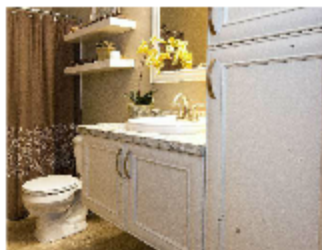
Crystal Cabinet Works provides custom storage solutions for the bath. Shown is a custom vanity hair station featuring a solid maple interior with storage for curling irons, blow dryers, etc. and access to a built-in power source. The vanity drawer features an over-sized, custom maple insert to accommodate a variety of items. Circle No. 176 on Product Card



The Diamond Cabinetry Vanity Cosmetic Center Drawer is built with different sections of various sizes for storage and organization. The multi-tiered interior offers a multipurpose design for sorting makeup or other products. Circle No. 178 on Product Card



Part of The C.G. Collection by Christopher Grubb, the Acclaim vanity is now available in Oyster Gray, as well as White and Espresso. From the WyndHam Collection, the vanity features a variety of storage drawers, and is available in six sizes, from smaller single versions to larger double versions. Circle No. 180 on Product Card



For a clean, easy-to-maintain bath, trends emphasize floating or wall-hung vanities, such as the one shown here from Showplace Wood Products. The rustic alder on this vanity provides a distressed look for a painted cabinet without the effort and expense of distressing. Circle No. 182 on Product Card

Mixed materials are also on the rise, creating appealing and exciting bathroom designs, Neilson Howard maintains. "Designers are creating intentional juxtapositions in their designs - so that a rustic barn-wood vanity is now quite likely to be paired with an industrial-inspired concrete countertop, while a trough-style sink might be paired with a luxe Carrara marble countertop. A 'matchy-matchy' sensibility steered bathroom design in previous years, but eclectic bathrooms are more appealing and exciting now."

"Bath vanities have transitioned from a box with doors to stylish furniture," adds Tran. "Materials [such as] exotic veneers, metals and glass have added style and glamour to bathroom furniture. Unique finish options have changed the look of your standard, wood finished cabinet over the years. Adding a creative ceramic sink, quartz top or precious stone countertop has topped it off and helped to transition the look."

Rustic styles, especially those that have an aged quality, are rising in popularity, adds Wolinsky. "The market is leaning toward designs that blend modern and traditional elements together, granting appeal to a broader range of consumers."

Of course purely traditional and/or purely contemporary designs still reign in some parts of the country, but the trend seems to be toward more of an overall blending of style elements.

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While style is always a priority, vanities also provide much needed storage space in the bath, and the desire for a clean and classic look makes it even more important to have a 'place for everything, and everything in its place.' Whether items will be located out in plain sight or hidden behind doors depends on what is to be stored, as well as the personal taste of the end user.

Jensen says that although clients were asking for open storage as recently as this winter, requests have flipped back to concealed storage since the beginning of 2017. "We will continue to offer new open storage designs, but I suspect people are realizing that there is a higher degree of daily maintenance and clean up associated with an open cabinet," he points out.

Tyler states, "Open storage has some champions, but open storage can conflict with the desire for minimal clutter, particularly in a master bath. In a guest bath there's already less clutter, and open storage can be a nice visual addition to the room."

Farnsworth adds, "The trend seems to be lending itself toward open storage, but there is always a fine balance between function and aesthetics."

"In powder rooms, open storage is often preferable because homeowners like to style out this storage in more decorative ways, and there