

# GO WITH THE FLOW

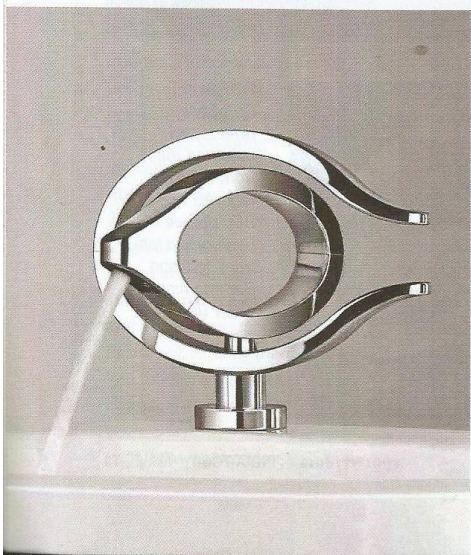
The humble tap has come a long way. Don't believe us? Just take a look at these drop dead gorgeous faucets.

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Let's face it, the simple spout has gone through a serious transformation. Take for instance this bath space (right) by Somany with the Chanel basin mixture in gold and marble look alike tiles. The faucet not only complements the basin and marble tiles but also adds an element of drama to the bathroom. Here's what's new in this segment.

## LATEST TRENDS

"Faucet trends are pointing towards metals like steel, nickel, brass in different colours and finishes, and in terms of design, the



industrial look has also gained popularity," says Abhinav Khandelwal, MD, ECML Distributors. Maurizio Meloda, technical and operations director at GRAFF India agrees with Khandelwal and adds that the inspiration lies in the form of classic motorcycles, fusing an industrial aesthetic with nostalgic details. "Black is one of the most requested colours this year, both for faucets and bathroom accessories," says Meloda. According to Sandeep Shukla, Head-Marketing, Jaquar Group, "People are moving towards simple cleaner and contemporary designs hence products with cleaner lines and a more minimalist modern vibe are preferred."

## SPIFFY SPOUTS

*Grande Rioha Staturio marble look tiles, Enzo table top basin and Chanel basin mixture from Somany (above); the Tiaara faucet from Artize by Jaquar Group (left)*

## cover story

### Faucets



#### LOOKS GOOD

Faucets from Gessi available at FCML (left):

MOD+ single hole brushed gold and forest green marble tap from GRAFF (below)

#### TAPPING INTO SUSTAINABILITY

Faucet manufacturers have turned a green leaf. "While a normal faucet delivers 13 litres per minute of water, special aerator fitted faucets give the same feeling with nearly 2.6 litres of water which saves almost 80 per cent of water. Further, sensor faucets technology also allows only a fixed quantity to flow with every press of its knob. This mechanism not only prevents water wastage during each use but also provides ease of operation," says Shukla. In fact, the demand for eco-friendly aerators has gone up considerably in last few years.

#### TECH THIS

"Today high-tech basin mixers are supplied with a LED ring that changes colour according to the temperature of the water," says Meloda. Since colour and light have an impact on perception and well being, after showers, faucets are being fitted with LED lights. "Besides colour technology, motion sensor faucets are gaining popularity as they offer a more hygienic wash," says Khandelwal. Clearly, faucets are getting fancier by the day.

