

cabinetry

●●● THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE CABINETRY

plays in the bathroom is pretty obvious—providing

a stash-all. But the style and finish of these storage pieces also play a big part in the style direction your overall room takes. For instance, select polished woods to enhance traditional schemes, sleek modern laminates for a modern mood, or weathered woods for a rustic country statement. Though you don't want to make a radical departure from the rest of the styles and finishes in your house, the look of the cabinetry you choose in the bathroom is an opportunity to shift to a fresher style, or one that more closely appeals to your aesthetic.

Working enough storage into limited bathroom space is like putting together a puzzle. Everything needs to fit together, and there are a lot of pieces to choose from. Vanities run the gamut from undersink varieties to ceiling-high linen cupboards. Fittings can go behind doors and inside drawers. Storage can be fitted with drawers, shelves, tilt-out hampers, wire baskets, or cubbies for small items. You can even trick out your cabinets with warming inserts for towels or create tub-side storage that has a space for a small flat-screen TV to maximize fun and function.



Modern laminate storage keeps clutter corralled in a clean, tidy package. Perched on square, stainless-steel legs, this vanity allows light to shine into the far reaches and lighten the room.



ABOVE If your house leans traditional but you want a lighter, brighter look for the bath, consider classic marble and white cabinets that have traditional lines, such as doors with recessed panels.

TOP RIGHT For an efficient bath space, include multiple types of storage. Vanity drawers organize a jumble of grooming products, while stacks of towels fit neatly behind cupboards.

RIGHT Use the warm wood grains of cabinetry to balance polished finishes elsewhere in the bath. A wall of maple, built-in closets adds storage and stature to this combination gentleman's dressing room and water closet.

