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STYLE: *New & Notable*

Fluid faucets

For a modern, Asian-inspired bathroom, think Fluid faucets.




At left: The vitality of the ancient Qin dynasty influences the sweeping form of the Emperor bathroom fixture collection. **At right:** The fan once represented social status in ancient Asia, and today, the Fan series borrows its graceful lines and motion from this history. The faucets are eco-friendly and can be equipped with a low-flow aerator for an industry-breaking 1.5 gallons-per-minute, a rate earning it a WaterSense certification. Visit www.fluidfaucets.com.

Art tiles

Sculptural and lush, these Ann Sacks tiles are handmade using the age-old Italian technique of Sgraffato, meaning "to scratch." No molds or dies are used to create the elaborate designs, making each tile a one-of-a-kind work of art. The three organic designs from the Blake Studios collection, Nautilus, Botanical and Dahlia, can be applied vertically or horizontally to create dramatic, show-stopping murals, with an individual beauty that is also striking as a backsplash or fireplace surround. Choose from an 18-color palette. The company will accommodate special orders using any custom design specified. Visit www.annsacks.com.



Pictured here: Dahlia



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HUNG OUT TO DRY

Spanish bathroom ingénue Sonia has introduced new collections that bring modern design and technology to the forefront of hotel bathrooms. Understanding that savvy hoteliers are focusing on innovative interior designs to entice new business, the company's Fahrenheit collection features a hair dryer – shown here – hand dryer and wall-storage device for the commercial or hotel bathroom. Spanish designer Rafa Corel paired organic shapes with clean, modern lines to serve as a hip alternative to the commercial models saturating the market. “Our new collections combine modern trends with traditional comforts,” according to Jody Rosenberg, national sales manager of Sonia USA based in Sunrise, Fla. “These products feature high design and impeccable functionality, which makes a resounding difference in the guest experience.” For more information, visit www.sonia-sa.com.

JUST PLAIN CUTE

Burnaby, British Columbia-based Sustainable Solutions International is a green products manufacturer that lines up some of the most sustainable building products on the planet, the company says. fluid, its Vancouver-based subsidiary, goes a step beyond the conventional by bringing a sense of whimsy to the otherwise mundane bathroom fixture, while incorporating sustainable elements. Aside from being eco-friendly, the fixtures are equipped with a flow-regulated aerator to perform at 1.5 gallons per minute, a rate that has earned the manufacturer WaterSense certification. The new Penguin Collection is a clean and contemporary line of products that takes its design cues directly from nature. The faucet pictured here features a streamlined silhouette, upright form and horizontal spout bearing a striking resemblance to the precocious seabird that has won the hearts of millions throughout the world. “In addition to their thoughtful designs, every fluid fixture exudes the time and extra dedication that was put into its craftsmanship,” the company says. “The meticulous curves, unique angles, and mirror-like polished surfaces that are featured in each fluid product are unmatched.” All faucets meet or exceed ASME A112.181, CSA B1251 and NSF 61-9 standards and are made from brass, which ensures their lifetime warranty. Visit www.fluidfaucets.com for details.