

# Update your BATHROOM TAPS

Essential finishing touches for tubs and sinks, there's a comprehensive selection of styles to suit every budget, from classic to contemporary

**W**hen choosing a new design, your first consideration is to complement the style of basin and bath.

Small taps will suit a shallow cloakroom sink, whereas a high-rise tap reaches over a basin mounted to the top of a vanity unit.

Deck-mounted taps fix on sanitaryware, whereas wall-mounted ones have more of a minimalist aesthetic – pipework is hidden away but access isn't easy. For a waterfall effect, you can add a floor-mounted tap by a freestanding bath with a thin or open spout.

Usually made from solid brass, designs are finished in chrome, nickel, bronze, gold, black and bold colours, with a matt, polished, satin or brushed surface. Most are guaranteed for five to 10 years; some for life.

## ONE TO WATCH

### ENERGY EFFICIENT

Toto's Autofaucet is a sensor basin tap, controlled by hand movement and powered by a battery fuelled with energy created through the water flow.

• H333xW50xD161mm



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## UNDER £100



### ↑ WALL MOUNTED

Choose a minimal design from Belfry Bathroom at Wayfair with the chrome Bourdon wall-mounted bath spout, paired with cross-head handles. The raised installation makes an eye-catching display.

• D180xW205mm



### CLASSIC UPDATE

### ↑ STYLE ICON

Available at Argos, the Mira Revive bath mixer tap from Victoria Plum is hand-polished for shine and projects over deep counter-top basins; it's height allows the curved spout to angle water into the bowl.

• H135xD138mm



### ← TALL ORDER

The chrome Century mixer tap from Victoria Plum is hand-polished for shine and projects over deep counter-top basins; it's height allows the curved spout to angle water into the bowl.

• H310xD120mm

### SAFETY FIRST

A cold-water start prevents the Hamnskär single-lever basin mixer tap from Ikea from scalding you. Styled in a distinct traditional shape, its modern flow-restrictor reduces water usage by 50%.

• H150xD190mm



£80

### GOOD IDEA

Check your water system: some taps require higher pressure, so read the small print before you buy

## NEED TO KNOW

■ **PILLAR TAPS** come as a pair and need two holes to supply hot and cold water.

■ **MONOBLOC MIXERS** are fixed to one hole with hot and cold water combined before coming out of the spout, ensuring easier temperature control.

■ **THREE HOLE** set-ups are for individual hot and cold taps with a separate

spout. A fourth hole is for a bath-showerhead.

■ **CERAMIC DISCS** release and shut off water flow to prevent the tap leaking.

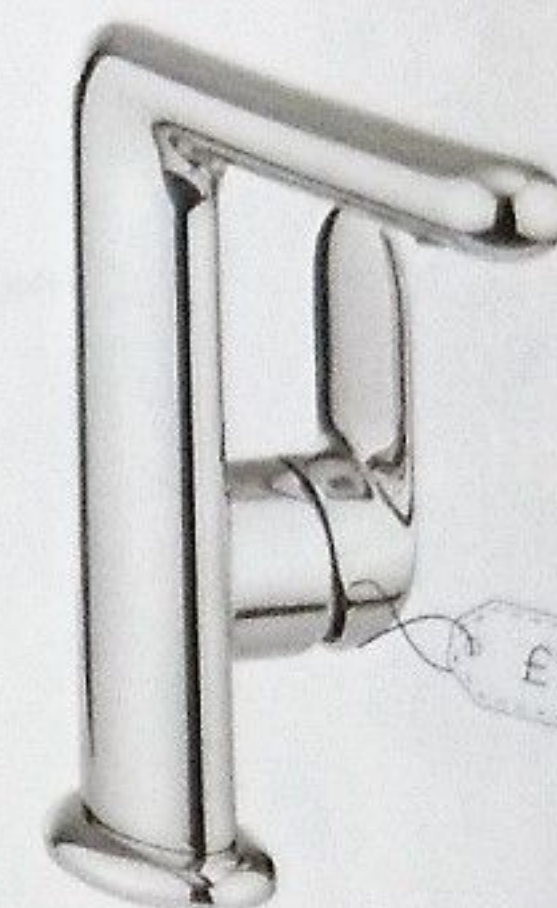
■ **FLOW RESTRICTORS** or aerators mix air into the water to reduce consumption. A click-clack waste presses to open and close, while a pop-up design is lever-operated.

## £100-£200

### ← SMOOTH OPERATOR

Bathstore's Form Side Lever mono mixer is easy to flip on and off with one hand. The weighty chrome structure is robust and the product comes with a lifetime guarantee.

• H151xW60xD159mm



£159

### DESIGNER APPEAL

### → MODERN TOUCH

Shiny and poised with a cascading water flow, the Niagra II Waterfall freestanding bath mixer from Soak.com has high-end, contemporary style without the price.

• H820xW150mm



£179.99

### ← VINTAGE LOOKS

Inject glamour without breaking the bank with B&Q's Cooke & Lewis classic gold-effect bath shower mixer. Its shower handset makes light work of rinsing down the bath.

• H280xW257xD184mm

### CONTEMPORARY UPDATE

The monobloc basin Sail tap from Bristan emulates a boat's hull. It has a click-clack waste and a 35mm ceramic disc cartridge.

• H94xD160mm



£153



## £200-£350

### → VICTORIAN VIBE

Arcade's Arc12 twist and turn basin mixer in nickel encapsulates period living. Also available in chrome, with black or white lever handle options.

• H65xW174xD174mm

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£259



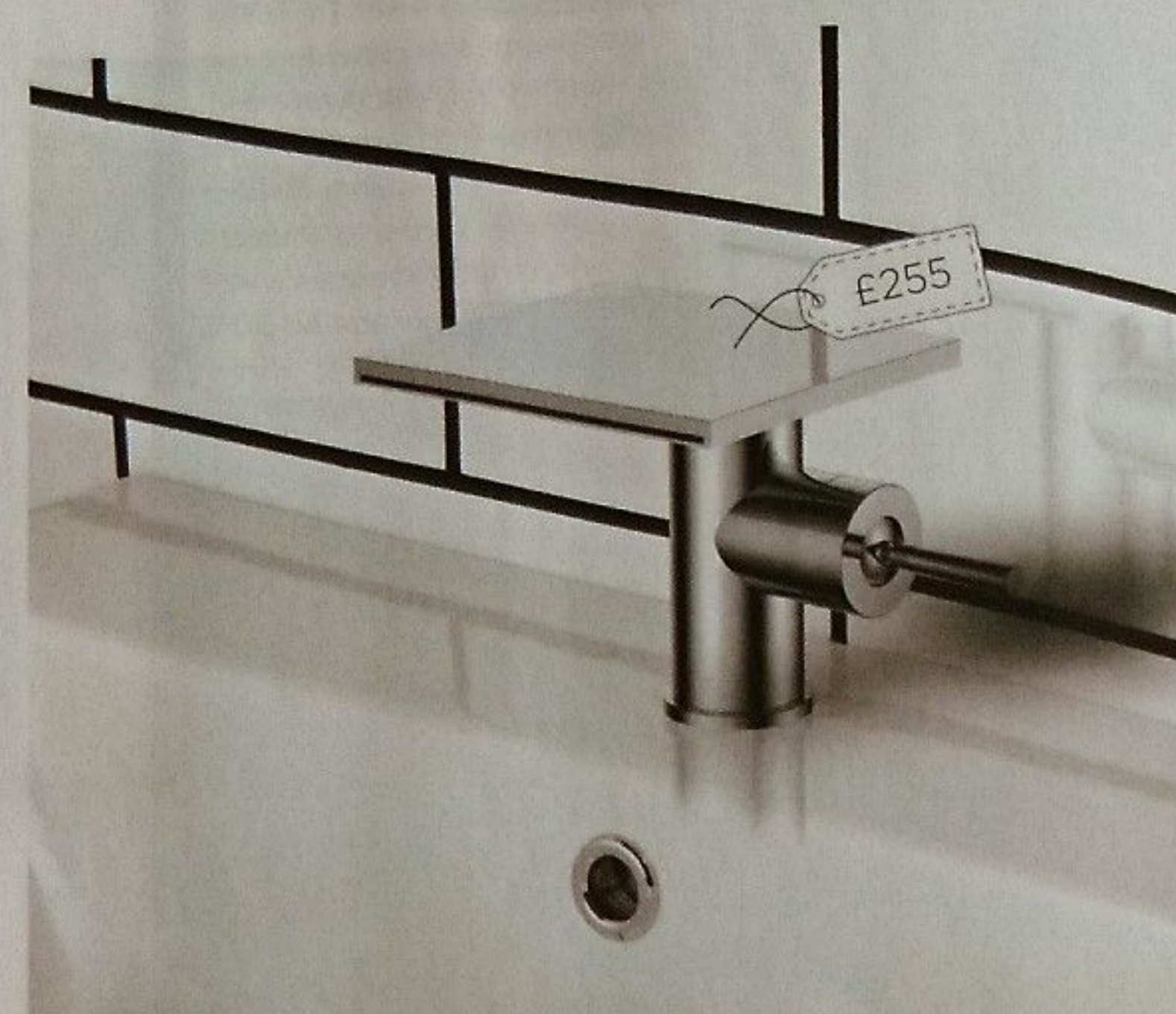
£297

### ← OPULENT CHARM

Available at Aston Matthews, the two-hole, brass Ambra wall-mounted basin mixer can be polished or left to develop a patina. Matching bathroom fittings are also available.

• H70xW155xD190mm

NEXT MONTH  
MODERN  
WALL TILES



£255

### ↑ LOW LEVEL

Part of the Italian designer range, the Aquaflow Plaza basin mono tap produces a waterfall effect. Finished in chrome with a click-clack waste from Frontline.

• H134xW155mm

## OVER £350

### ↓ MINIMAL MARVEL

From Pure Bathroom Collection, the clean-cut, linear shape of the Sofia freestanding mixer makes an eye-catching statement in an uncluttered bathroom.

• H110xD186xW200mm



£749



£648

### ↑ GO RETRO

Enjoy a hint of Art Deco with the Abode Decadence deck-mounted bath filler tap at John Lewis – a classically stylish pick.

• H109xD128mm



£404

### ← ELEGANT DESIGN

With its swan-neck spout, the Amie basin bridge mixer has the height and reach for a vanity unit-mounted bowl. Shown in hard chrome but also available in nickel at The Albion Bath Company.

• H410xW240mm

SLEEK CHIC

## 3 OF THE BEST BATHROOM SETS

### → COLOUR SPLASH

Add a pop of pink with a luxe Blomus Ara set by Black By Design



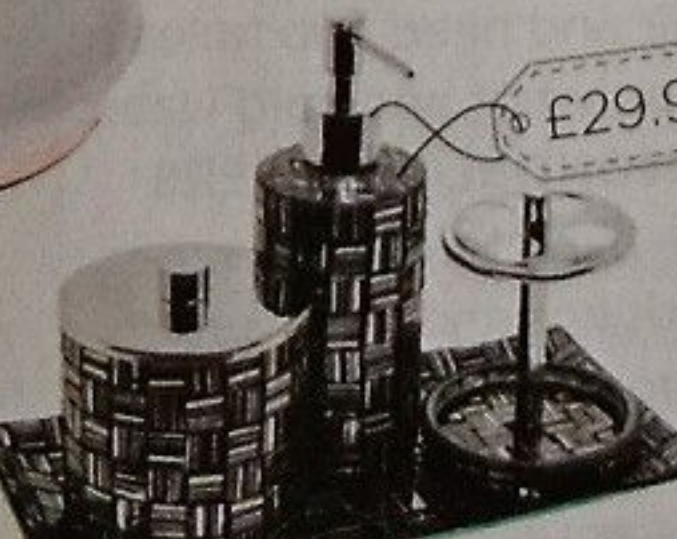
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### ← INDUSTRIAL CHIC

A rose-gold trim softens the raw texture of the Concrete bathroom collection at Marks & Spencer



£32



£29.99

### ↑ INSTANT GLAMOUR

The silver Mosaic Four-Piece bathroom set from Wayfair makes a glitzy display on its matching tray

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