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### Bathrooms that feel zen and will help you disconnect

#### Black and bold among latest design trends

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With life always moving at lightning speed, the bathroom should be the one place in the home to disconnect and just “be.” Whether it is for alone time or couple time, designers are seeing greater interest in the bathroom as a priority and space that homeowners want to invest in. “Bathroom time is important,”

says designer Keith Baltimore of Port Washington-based Baltimore Design Group. “It is alone time for yourself or alone time for a couple. Their private space, especially with a house full of kids. A place that is romantic and also a place to go and have a conversation while getting dressed for dinner or an event.” Some design details that are being recognized in 2018 include wallpaper, brass and gold, exotic

stone, great art, accent lighting, and comfortable seating featuring walls with either the organic impact of a marble slab or something dramatic like a black marble with gold water jet details. “Thoughtful design in the bathroom has become a priority for my clients,” says Huntington-based designer Kim Radovich of Kim Radovich Interiors. “This high-tech fast-paced life we live in with so

much technology and the pressures of life and so many distractions makes it even more essential to create living spaces that offer a respite from reality.” Radovich offers some inspiring words to help inspire and get started: “Think of the most glamorous hotel room bath and start with that as your inspiration.”



“There should always be art in the bathroom. The art I chose was thoughtfully curated for the space. The two designs are from Long Island artist Dean Johnson, who creates Resin Relief Wall Art that stands up well to the moisture and humidity in the bathroom. When selecting art, a glass-enclosed picture can be considered, but certainly not a fine canvas.”

“To add visual interest, I placed a black mobile strategically on the vast white ceiling.”

“Don’t be afraid to be bold with wall color. I love black in the bathroom. It is such a grounding color that is classic and works well with every color. The black wall covering is textured black vinyl and is a powerful juxtaposition in the room. There are also elements of black in the tiles and the window treatments and flooring.”

“Brass is back and works beautifully, but polished nickel is very hot right now too and is always classic when used for the hardware.”

“Whenever I am designing a bathroom the tub is always the focal point of the room. Who doesn’t love a large tub to soak in?”

“I always like to place a seat in a large bathroom and outfit it with reading material. For this space, I used a ceramic stool that had an indoor/outdoor cushion.”

“Accessorize with scented candles, plush towels, and robes. I filled glass vessels with soaps, cotton balls, and shells to give it an intimate spa-like feel.”

“I placed a black sheepskin hide on the floor. It had an organic shape and worked nicely with the shape of the room.”

*Kim Radovich of Kim Radovich Interiors designed this luxurious bathroom for the Hampton Showhouse as an ideal place to unplug. Radovich incorporated bold colors and great art with an oversized tub that brings the bathroom to life.*