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Electric Dreams

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4. FORM: WORK OF ART

Even the humble sink can make a statement. New York-based artist Daniel Arsham has teamed up with American bathroom brand Kohler and The Art Lab Studio to create Rock.01 (pictured on this page), a 3D-printed sink available in a limited-edition run of 99 pieces. The collection, which made its debut at Design Miami in December, taps into Kohler's latest 3D clay-printing technology. The walls of the sink are meticulously printed layer by layer, with the overall process taking more than seven hours.

"Rock.01 melds the future of 3D-printing technology with the most basic methods of hand-cast brass. It is literally the new resting on top of the old, and I find that incredibly poetic," says Arsham. The asymmetric vitreous china basin is paired with a hand-poured brass "rock" sporting a patinated finish. Drawing on the manufacturing company's storied history of making cast-iron bathtubs in the late 19th century, the artist chose a cast brass base with a similar patina to his other bronze works.

This page: The 3D-printed Rock.01 sink by Kohler, artist Daniel Arsham and The Art Lab Studio reinterprets stacked rocks via a mix of technology and tradition

Opposite page, from top: An industrial-style bathroom featuring upholstery fabrics from Hodsoll McKenzie, available from Cetec; a minimalist bathroom by Eve Mercier, founder of the Insight School of Interior Design in Hong Kong



5. LAYOUT: OPEN PLANS

A semi open-plan bathroom can visually enlarge the space and foster a sense of sensual intimacy in the bedroom. By installing glass panels or a doorless entrance, you can create a seamless connection between the two areas.

"When a bathroom is visually connected to the bedroom, the space looks bigger and brighter," says Cheng. "Functionally, it helps to reduce the size of the wet area, for example with our Nassim Park project, the vanity is part of the dry area next to the wardrobe."

According to Mahboobani, one of the benefits of this layout is that you can direct natural light from the bedroom windows to brighten the bathroom. "Having a highly transparent bathroom also presents an opportunity to showcase minimalist bathroom fixtures and furniture. To maintain privacy, you can implement clever lighting and screens."

Mercier suggests sticking to similar materials

and colour tones to enhance visual continuity. "For example, you can use a honey-coloured limestone for the bathroom floor and walls that will work well with the light oak of your bedroom flooring. Make sure there is a window or a good exhaust fan in your bathroom, or your bedroom will soon turn into a steam room," she says.

Having soft furnishings in your bathroom can also add a cosy touch to the space, blurring the lines between the bedroom area and your bathing zone. "If you have space, a nice, comfy seat can feel very indulgent; you can even consider adding fabric curtains to the bathroom," says Hunt. "There are plenty of outdoor-grade fabrics that are very hardy. You can also line a standard indoor fabric with a shower curtain to create a protective backing."

