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5 Reasons You Should Switch to Freestanding Baths

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Whether you're building your house from the ground up or making some renovations to your bathroom, there's a lot you must consider, from the floor plan to the individual furniture. One of the most important things you must decide on is whether you'll choose a freestanding bath or a built-in bath because your decision will heavily influence many aspects of your bathroom.

There's much hype surrounding freestanding baths, but are they better than built-in baths? In this article, we'll discuss the major advantages of choosing a freestanding bath for your bathroom.

1. More layout options

A built-in bath limits your bathroom layout because it means the bath must be situated against the wall, ideally against a corner. With a freestanding bath, you can place the tub wherever you want, giving you more freedom to design your bathroom however you wish. Some freestanding bath designs also add to the illusion of space since they expose more tiles.

2. Looks more luxurious

Your bathtub is the centrepiece of your bathroom, and so it's one of the first things people will see when they step inside. A freestanding bath gives a more elegant and glamorous feel because they create a visual impact on your bathroom, especially if they come in a unique colour or shape. Instead of just being a bathtub, it can also be an art piece.

3. More relaxing

Freestanding baths are often deeper than built-in baths and come in shapes that are contoured to provide a more comfortable soaking experience. Built-in baths are often rectangular and have 90-degree angle walls, making lying back difficult and uncomfortable.

4. Easier to install and replace

Built-in baths must be cemented and tiled against the wall. Freestanding baths only need to be set down on the floor and connected to the plumbing. Besides saving time, you also save money on installation costs. Additionally, when the tub is damaged or if there's a new model on the market that you want to buy, it's much easier to make the switch if you're using a freestanding bath as opposed to a built-in bath.

5. A wider array of designs

Freestanding baths come in a wide range of colours, shapes, materials, and designs, making it easy to find the perfect one to fit with your bathroom's theme. You can even customise accents like the faucet and feet.

6. Easier to clean

You may think a built-in bath is easier to clean since a freestanding bath has more exposed areas, but with a built-in bath, you also need to clean the surrounding grout and tiles, which can be harder to clean compared to ceramic or other materials that tubs generally come in.

Bathtubs are great for any bathroom, especially if you like soaking to relieve stress from your work, or if you have large pets that need bathing. Whatever bathtub you choose, ensure that you do adequate research on the brand you're buying from and the model you're buying. Check for warranties, reviews, and test for yourself if the contouring and size of the tub are right for you.

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