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The solid surface oval-shaped counter vessel by IDEAVIT, available from **PSCBath**, features a unique design in large format 24"x17" in matte white. The solid surface material, which has thermal characteristics that provide translucency and whiteness, is non-porous, absorption free and fire-proof. Circle No. 175 on Product Card



Pioneer Industries introduces the Olympia i2v Two Handle Widespread Lavatory Faucet, with a gooseneck-style rigid spout that ensures ample room for washing hands or filling a glass. The faucet meets WaterSense and Cal Green standards, and is available in polished chrome and PVD brushed nickel finishes. Circle No. 176 on Product Card



Exclusively created for **ROHL** by Italian designer Nevio Tellatin, the modern design of the Wave High Neck Widespread Lavatory Faucet is crafted in Northern Italy using a combination of precision engineering and hand finishing and polishing. The faucet's sophisticated form is enhanced by its polished chrome and satin nickel finish options. Circle No. 177 on Product Card



The Kiwami Rectangular Lavatory with LinearCeram Technology is part of **TOTO's** next generation of its Neorest Collection. The technology allows for a very thin yet super strong wall. The lav features CeFiONtect glaze, and TOTO's proprietary technology for preventing debris from sticking to surfaces to ensure easy cleaning. Circle No. 178 on Product Card



The Navi N33 from **Lacava** is a vessel porcelain sink available in a white and matte black finish without an overflow. The benefits of using very fine clay to produce these select porcelain lavatories include low porosity, high brilliance of glaze and high durability of the material and finish. Circle No. 179 on Product Card



Diego Grandi has worked with **Zucchetti** to design Closer single-lever bath taps with corners that are rounded off to relay a simple, ergonomic grip. The design of the connections makes it possible to turn the faucet around in the space in unexpected ways, and it designs the water itself, delivering where needed. Circle No. 180 on Product Card



California Faucets new Descanso widespread lav faucet showcases an industrial chic vibe with its hash mark-textured, knurled spout tip and lever or cross handles. A choice of handle styles and a joystick option provide a personalized look, with the faucets available in 30-plus artisan finishes, including the new warm Burnished Brass. Circle No. 181 on Product Card



The Wicker Park Rectangular Sink mirrors a vessel option by sitting on the counter, yet fits like a drop-in sink for a deeper basin at 7.25". The overall size of the sink from **Gerber** is slightly smaller, in keeping with the need for fixtures for smaller spaces. The sink can accommodate either a single hole faucet or 8" center faucets. Circle No. 182 on Product Card

undermount sinks, bath faucets are installed directly through the countertop and can accommodate any faucet configuration, including non-traditional installations," he explains.

Popular faucet styles include compact two-handle faucets on 4" centers, as well as 8" widespread faucets further up in the price spectrum, L'Henaff notes. "Single-handle faucets that make a bold design statement are growing in use, particularly in upscale settings," he adds.

"Single-handle designs are great for small spaces, whereas widespread faucets can make a statement in large master baths," adds Everson.

Cunningham sees a mix in demand between rounded and angular, in part depending on geography. In coastal areas, he sees more sharp lines throughout the bathroom, where in the center of the country, more design details around the sink are evident. He adds that while Mansfield focuses on drop-in sinks, he has noticed a move toward integrated sinks and countertops, which make replacing a vanity top simple. And, he says, vessel sinks are still a trend. "The majority of the market is going to be a drop-in sink, but there are still people who want to put that vessel sink in there," he notes.

FUNCTIONAL STYLE

As important as how the space looks is, it's equally important that the sink and faucet function exactly as desired. That means features that add durability and water efficiency, while allowing all members of the

household – and guests – to easily utilize them.

"Designers should continue to recommend faucets that work for all family members and guests, regardless of mobility issues," says L'Henaff. "The use of single-handle and widespread lever-type handles can achieve this, while providing high-style design lines to the bathroom. Durability is also important. "Bathroom sink faucets – especially those in the family bathroom and powder room – experience heavy use in the home. We recommend looking for models that have a reputation for durability and are built to last, which will help prevent the need for repairs or replacement," L'Henaff states. "Choosing a faucet that features all-metal construction and washerless ceramic disc valves is a simple way to reduce maintenance in the future."

"Consumers are not only interested in the style and finish of the faucet, but also the functionality, and how those elements can work together," Everson concurs. "For example, if a client plans to age in place, they may want to select a faucet with lever handles and temperature indicators, as they're easy to use."

"Quality is always top of mind for both clients and designers," Marcotte notes. "Far from a new concept, but one that is still a driving force in the decision-making process, quality matters," she adds. "Each piece, whether it's a traditional free-standing bathtub or a faucet outfitted with the latest in technology, needs to offer longevity – and, ultimately, return on investment."