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Elegant harmonies in shapes and materials are reflected in the Sartus collection, designed by Stefano Cavazzana for **MandiCasa**. Modular elements promote different solutions in both height and width, and accessories provide additional options. The wood and metal tube structures provide a range of storage solutions. mandicasa.com



Bringing the outdoors inside with warm, natural wood tones in the bath has become a significant trend, and **Showplace Cabinetry** delivers furniture and floating vanities that meet this trend. Showplace offers framed and frameless cabinet options in a variety of natural finishes, such as the Pendleton door style in Rustic Alder in Natural finish, shown. showplacecabinetry.com



Season's neoclassical style remains untouched in this distinctive version of the vanity unit, which features an integrated dressing table with four drawers and a pull-out velvet top. **Devon&Devon's** vanity is available in six colors and features a marble top in six variations. Additional marbles and over 500 colors are available upon request. devon-devon.com



The Mirrored Medicine Cabinet Collection from **Jacuzzi Luxury Bath** features the patented Hang 'N' Lock system, a bracket that is fixed to the wall rather than the cabinet itself. Adjustable glass shelves are included, providing ample storage behind mirrored doors. Soft-close technology provides smooth operation of the doors. jacuzzi.com



Part of the **Ann Sacks** Curated Bath Collection, the Wyndale Vanity features horizontally reeded oak paneling on the doors and sides, juxtaposed by a vertical lay up on the drawers. The 72" double vanity features three centered, working drawers, with the top drawer including two glass dividers. The vanity is raised on four angled and tapered solid oak legs. annsacks.com



Produced in Italy, the Mako vanity line from **Hastings Tile & Bath** is customizable, as multiple cabinets can be aligned or adjoined to create a tailored configuration. The vanity features beveled drawers, legs available in either gold or silver, soft-close drawers with a metal drawer structure and inner drawer accessories. hastingsstilebath.com



The Luna STAK Vanities collection – a modern, solid surface line from **Fleurco** – can be customized via choices such as basin style, back-splash, apron and frame styles. The vanities are offered in three sizes, available with integrated shelf and towel bar, which is not included on the floating model. fleurco.com



A new line of vanities from **Lenova** includes two models: the Manhattan is a clean, modern design with straight lines and mitred details on the modified Shaker doors, while the Classic collection (shown) sports a softer silhouette with an arched curve and tapered legs. Both collections are offered in five sizes and seven finishes. lenovagroup.com

Hedreen says the design of the cabinet storage – transitional furniture style for maximum storage vs. a floating vanity with one or two long, horizontal drawers – is often dictated by the size of the room and number of people using the space. "A floating vanity with complementary wall shelves can add space for that splash of color in a smaller bathroom," Hedreen adds.

"When it comes to bathroom furniture, functional storage continues to be a key factor," notes Mucha. "We are seeing more opportunities for more drawers, which allows a homeowner to store things at the back of the vanity and still find it without having to reach around the plumbing pipes."

Easy access and features that aid in organization are top priorities in bathroom storage, manufacturers say. Additional features that make the space more functional are also in demand.

"Storage and organization is critical for functionality," Johnson adds. "Most of our designs offer deep drawer storage for those taller bottles, and with optional upgrades like our Glass Divider Systems, even the smallest items won't be lost in the shuffle!"

Gifford says Hastings sees a lot of requests for open storage, as well as interior drawer organizers. He's encouraging the use of vertical storage, getting away from "the box on the wall," because it's a more user-friendly storage solution.

"Bath vanities need to provide maximum storage space and easy access," agrees Harrison. "Rollouts and drawers that eliminate the hassle

of losing items in the back of the cabinet are in high demand. Another functional trend we are seeing is for vanities to incorporate features like powered drawers for storing hair styling equipment. These are features that can be added to custom and semi-custom bath vanities."

"In-drawer organizational tools, such as drawer dividing systems, remain a popular accessory to ensure optimal organization. Such accessories are also easy upgrades for vanities and storage cabinets," reports Downie.

"Soft-closing drawers [and] big, deep drawers with internal lighting and electrical/USB outlets are popular for multi-tasking," agrees Rykus.

Lacava adds that features like towel bars incorporated into the vanity, interior lighting, self-closing drawers, and electrical and USB hook ups inside drawers are popular.

SPACE SPECIFIC

While some trends are consistent across all bathroom spaces, many trends shift depending on who is using the space. Master bath vanities and furniture are generally larger and colors evoke a relaxing spa-like feel, while powder rooms have smaller storage elements and incorporate bolder design, manufacturers say.

"Master bath trends tend to be a bit more conservative, with the wall-to-wall vanities still dominant, but 'his' and 'her' kind of solutions [are] becoming ever more common," explains Lacava. Powder rooms tend to