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# Vintage-style bathroom

Carefully chosen fixtures and accessories give this soothing space turn-of-the-century appeal By JESSICA DODELL-FEDER • Photograph by TIM IMRIE

There's nothing like an oversize tub to turn a bathroom into a spa-like retreat. In this space, a black-painted soaker on a platform of oak planks literally takes center stage. And it's no wonder: The tub's rolled rim and claw feet set the tone for the entire room, lending it a classic, cozy look. Nickel sconces, a Louis XVI-style chair, and a pedestal sink add to the vintage charm, as do nostalgic accessories, including antique apothecary jars and illustrations that suggest a Victorian-era fascination with the natural sciences. Storage comes courtesy of simple open shelves made from the same marble as the backsplash. Tongue-and-groove walls, painted a dusky turquoise, complete the setup. Read on to learn how to create a similar space in your home.



**pedestal sink** The wide basin of Kohler's stately Memoirs lavatory offers plenty of space for washing up. \$585; [vintagetub.com](http://vintagetub.com)



## backsplash tiles

A marble accent behind the sink looks luxurious, but it doesn't have to cost a bundle. Instead of splurging on a slab, opt for these 6-inch squares from MS International. \$5.49 per square foot; [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com)



## apothecary bottles

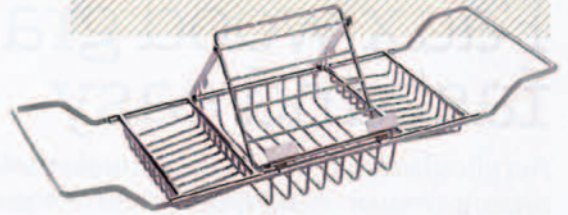
Stash bathroom necessities, like liquid soap and rubbing alcohol, in old-fashioned glass jars. From \$5 each at select Whole Foods Markets. Pharmacy labels from the 1940s add authenticity. \$6 for 40; [papiervalise.com](http://papiervalise.com)



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this look

**globe sconce**

Brighten your morning routine by switching on this Art Deco-inspired fixture with hand-blown opal shade. \$150; rejuvenation.com



**chrome-plated caddy**

Keep reading materials close at hand—and safe from suds—with this tub rack. \$59; rejuvenation.com



**framed art**

Enliven blank walls with a grouping of Victorian-style fauna prints. \$50 each; art.com



**claw-foot tub**

With its gently curving shape, this 61-inch cast-iron soaker encourages hours of lounging. To paint it black, as shown, use an oil-based enamel. \$1,096; signaturehardware.com



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**nickel-finish brackets**

Instead of a medicine cabinet, opt for open shelves made from inexpensive marble thresholds mounted on these classic arched supports. \$12 for two; lowes.com



**wall paint**

Soft turquoise sets a peaceful tone. Valspar's Interior Kitchen & Bath Enamel in Aqua Glow, \$29 per gallon; at Lowe's stores

**louis xvi chair**

Linen upholstery and a bleached oak frame lend this seat the warmth of an antique. \$279; wisteria.com



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