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Bathtubs don't need to be boring.

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with a more sculptural version. BY HELENA MADDEN

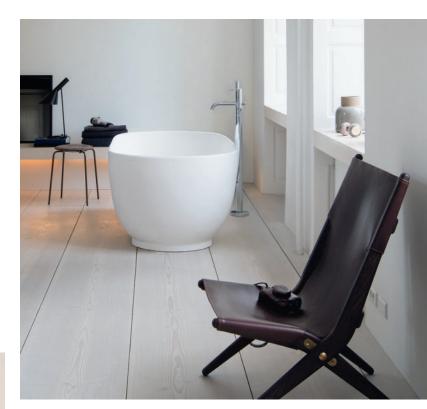
V, VAST STUDIO

In Japan, taking a dip at an *onsen* bathhouse isn't just about getting clean. It's also a time to completely unwind and relax in pristine waters from a nearby natural spring. Vast Studio's creatives used this experience as inspiration for V, which is modeled after traditional *ofuro* soaking tubs. Unlike the original, these are made with concrete and metal—depending on your preference—rather than wood, but the peace that comes the moment you immerse in one remains the same. FROM \$6,995



LUV, DURAVIT

Luv brings minimalism into the bathroom. Danish designer Cecilie Manz, known for creating pieces in the region's signature less-is-more style, says her vision for the tub came from an unlikely and unassuming muse: a small bowl filled to the brim with water. It's a straightforward inspiration for an equally no-frills tub, all of which adds a certain sense of tranquility to a space. \$7,495



↑ CLOTHILDE, WATERWORKS

Sometimes, it pays to stick to the classics. The tried-and-true copper tub has been a go-to since the 19th century, and there's a reason for that: It marries a curvy, elegant silhouette with a warm, inviting metal finish. As a result, the piece doesn't look too rustic or stuffy and honors the design's beloved, centuries-old shape. \$56,890

1 ISHIBURO, SALVATORI

Ishiburo is made of polished stone—your choice whether it's a stark white or more creamy marble but its linear carvings give it an organic, textured appearance. To design the tub, Salvatori tapped Kengo Kuma, a renowned architect who was the brains behind Japan National Stadium, the centerpiece for this year's Tokyo Olympics. Like much of the designer's work, Ishiburo consists of straight lines that seem pieced together almost haphazardly to create a more intriguing whole. ABOUT \$35,640

↓ ARTIFACTS, KOHLER

With this bathtub, you can customize not only its colorway but also its shape. The piece, which has a curved, fluted edge to offer maximum neck support, can be purchased with a pedestal or clawfoot base—the former is more contemporary and the latter leans into vintage. If your aesthetic leans toward simplicity and coordination, the matching Artifacts collection includes everything from faucets to hand showers. \$5,978





MENDOCINO, NATIVE TRAILS

It's all in the angles. Mendocino's slanted walls serve as a welcome antithesis to the many curved tubs out there. The piece is made using a blend of jute fibers and raw cement, so it has a spare look that will appeal to those with brutalist sensibilities, but it also feels smooth to the touch. This material's formula has more than just tactile appeal: It makes the tub lighter, stronger and, a bonus for those with sustainability front of mind, more energy efficient to manufacture. \$9,295 R