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6 Add sparkle with the handmade Briollette glass basin (H12.1xDiameter44.5cm). It can be mounted on a range of countertops and complemented with wall-mounted or tall taps; co-ordinating suites are available. £391 from The Big Bath Company (01590 610 030; bigbathcompany.com)



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9 Architect Zaha Hadid has taken inspiration from the fluid movement of water to create a curvaceous design statement, merging the spout, body and handle in a seamless shape for the new Triflow tap, £5,712, from West One Bathrooms. The striking design has a unique extra internal tube that allows treated drinking water to be delivered through a separate waterway, avoiding contamination from the hot and cold-water taps, making it ideal also for use in the kitchen. (020 7499 1845; westonebathrooms.com)



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7 Natural stone is timeless and classic – Porcelanosa's Samara Negro Marquina bath (H54xW95xL190cm), £7,840, is a simple, almost organic shape that would suit a contemporary or traditional-style room. (0800 915 4000; porcelanosa.co.uk)

8 Featuring the latest in geometric styling, the KHL308 showerhead has been designed by Kelly Hoppen for Waterfront Bathrooms. A slimline design (30cmx30cm), it's finished in chrome and the only fitting visible is the ceiling arm. The shower offers an invigorating, saturating experience with the waterflow falling like a waterfall and costs £444.17. (01527 584 244; waterfrontbathrooms.com)

10 The Arteplano towel radiator from Bisque has a minimalist, architectural look – its clean, sleek appearance conceals heating tubes behind a metal faceplate. Geometric cut-outs provide ample room for drying and warming towels, and its projection from the wall is just 9.2cm. Available in brushed stainless steel (shown) and brushed aluminium finishes, it also comes in white, as well as the Bisque range of over 2,000 colours. In three sizes: H119.3cm, H148.9cm and H185.9cmxW51.3cm. From £826.80. (01225 478 500; bisque.co.uk)



that need to be complementary, shape does, too, so this should be at the heart of your buying decision. Choose one item that you really like to be your statement piece, this could be a basin, bath or even a WC, then think about its shape and style – angular or rounded edge. You should use this style and shape to pick other pieces and build the rest of the bathroom around it, maintaining the same theme throughout.

If you have quite outlandish taste, think about whether you may sell your home in the foreseeable future and try to pick something that will have mainstream appeal and use an accessory, such as a striking mirror, to make a statement. If you've fallen in love with a statement piece that's the height of fashion, think about whether it will still have the same appeal in five years time.'

And remember, a big dramatic basin may look fantastic in a spacious showroom, but will look ridiculous in a small area. Measure the space you have and the statement piece, and consider whether it will work in the area you have. **GD**