



above Built-in wardrobes conceal clutter while accessories add pretty decoration. Expect to pay £800 for a made-to-measure kit, at Deane Direct. Tel: 01329 827817. www.deanedirect.co.uk



above In this cosy boudoir, chunky wooden furniture offers a smart feel and Dubai carpet creates comfort underfoot. Prices on request, at Ulster Carpets. Tel: 028 3833 4433. www.ulstercarpets.co.uk

working in harmony

If you're too much of a hoarder for minimal, but are more particular than an eclectic boudoir will allow, take a pinch of each style's fundamental elements and create a scheme that suits you.

Ludmila Paratian, Head of Interior Design at Tusk International, explains, "In response to the extremely minimal designs that have dominated in the last few years, there has been an increased demand for more glamorous bedrooms. A hot new trend is to combine both in one room; one of the tricks is to put together sumptuous fabrics and bed shapes with discreet and sophisticated lighting, storage and home automation systems."

Use accessories sparingly, as though they are works of art. A large mirror, a neat arrangement of vases or a favourite dress left on display will give a lived-in feel, without appearing disorganised.

From cosy eclecticism to structured simplicity, your bedroom is an escape from the busy world outside, so create a comfortable look you enjoy. ■



above An earthy palette adds warmth to a timeless Oriental-inspired scheme while floor-to-ceiling Japanese Design panels ensure privacy. A 150cm by 70cm version is priced from £210, at Luxaflex. Tel: 0161 442 9500. www.luxaflex.co.uk



above Tusk International has converted the former Halcyon Hotel into 12 luxury apartments comprising a mix of minimalist and contradictory antique pieces. Prices are available on application. Tel: 020 8785 3077. www.halcyonw11.com



above Quirky influences contrast with the sleek lines, chrome base and faux snakeskin finish of this console table, £375. The Eros chair costs £279 and the Retro Ball lamp, £52, at Graham & Green. Tel: 0845 130 6622. www.grahamandgreen.co.uk

making it work

Double bathrooms are practical for day-to-day life but, as Ludmila Paratian, Head Designer at Tusk International, explains, they also raise problems. "This style lends a desirable hotel-chic allure, but separate basins can seem lonely if you are single, or if your partner is away for a few days. For a chic and luxurious look without the unwelcoming and stark segregation, I would recommend using an extra-wide model with brassware at each end."

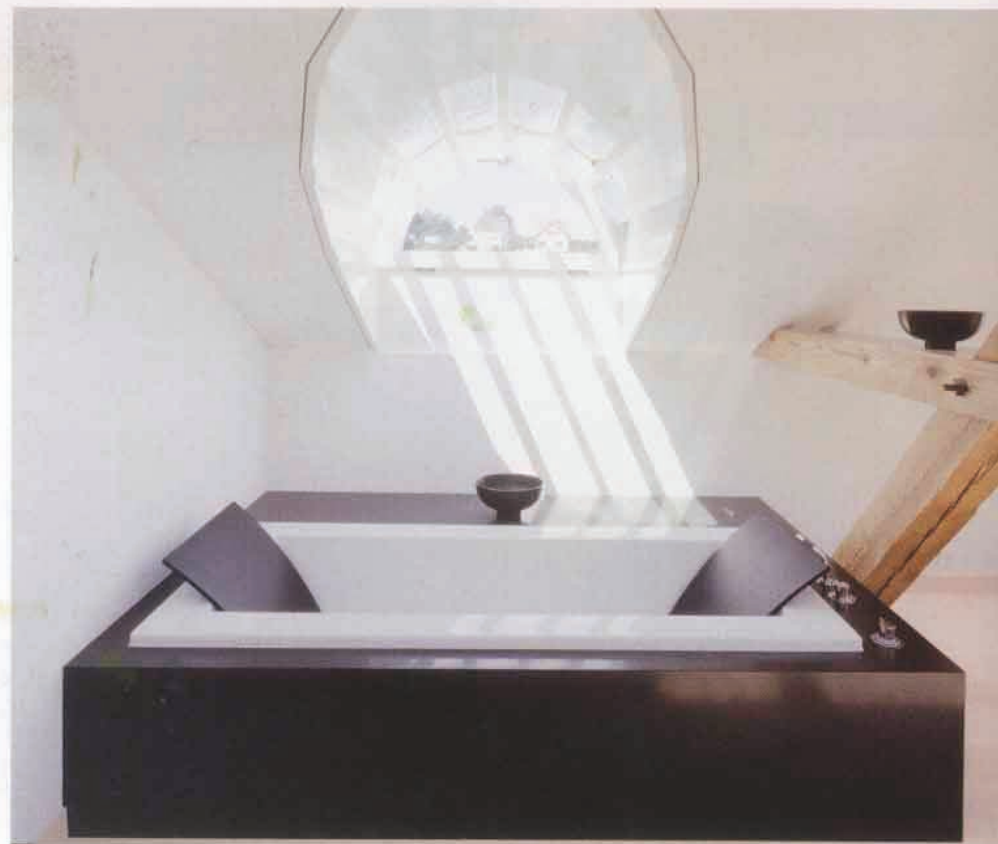
As this trend is a relatively new one, designs tend to be contemporary in style but, if you prefer a more traditional-style sanctuary, opt for classic bain de bateau or a marble-topped vanity unit.

Privacy can also be an issue – not everyone would be happy sharing his or her space, so why not consider a back-to-back shower or installing separate basins at opposite sides of the room?

One disadvantage that will play on the minds of the eco-conscious is the amount of water used and its inefficient consumption. If this is a concern, look for single pieces that accommodate two; a plus-sized, double-ended bath, large over-head shower panels or a wide basin, for example.

Whether it's the symmetrical design or the sociable functionality that appeals, twin bathing retreats are certainly the new place to be seen. ■

below Adding a splash of colour to a dramatically dark bathing haven, this Mai Canoe basin ensures there's no visual emptiness if a partner is away. Expect to pay around £995, at Tusk International. Tel: 020 8785 3077. www.tuskspa.com



above With a Coffee Bean-tone chaise longue insert, this bespoke bath is made from Corian® – a composite stone resin material that can be shaped as desired. Expect to pay from £300 per linear m. Tel: 0800 962116. www.corian.com/uk

below For those who prefer their own privacy, this back-to-back design makes for a perfect solution. In a chrome finish, the Liquid shower is priced £717, and the white ceramic Galassia trays, £1338 each, at Boffi. Tel: 0039 0362 5341. www.boffi.it

