



DESIGNER ANNA LISA AVELAR LETS A STAINLESS STEEL TUB BE THE STAR IN A SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, HOME.

Yes, Your Bathroom Still Needs a Bathtub

Reports say that a third of those renovating are removing their tubs. Here's the strong case for keeping them. *By Carisha Swanson*

One thing everyone agrees on: A bathroom renovation is a smart investment. But as homeowners aim for more space, bathtubs are getting washed down the drain. According to a 2018 Houzz study, nearly 34 percent of boomers are nixing their tubs—and replacing them with massive walk-in showers.

Bad idea, say real-estate experts. "I'm now *recommending* bathtubs to my clients," says Douglas Elliman broker John Gomes. "We're making master bedrooms smaller to create larger bathrooms." The reason is twofold: Bathtubs are great for families—at the end of the day, few kids take showers. And secondly, they facilitate the ultimate method of self-care. **"People are starting to realize the immense benefits to pampering ourselves,"** says designer Matthew Quinn. "It's a luxury to be able to soak and recharge at the end of a long week."

This flotation tub from Toto has an adjustable pillow that boosts relaxation by releasing a gentle flow of warm water onto the neck and shoulders.



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Classic Moves

Clawfoot-style tubs have staying power beyond any trend. Invest in these to give your home an extra touch of character.



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Kohler's freestanding tub has air jets that release thousands of bubbles to massage your body at your preferred intensity.

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Space Saver

The Eldon model was created to give the look of a freestanding tub in a more compact footprint.



The exaggerated Art Deco curves and romantic color of this tub scream glamour.

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1 Flotation Tub with Zero Dimension Technology. \$18,800. totousa.com

2 Classic Victorian Clawfoot Tub With Cross-Handle Tub Fill. Available in two sizes. From \$4,496. restorationhardware.com

3 The Escale Bubble Massage Freestanding Bathtub. \$6,695. kohler.com

4 Serpentine Cast-Iron Skirted Bathtub. In Deep Water Green. \$8,850. drummonds-uk.com

5 Eldon Tub. \$5,712. vandabaths.com

6 The Town Square S Freestanding Soaking Tub. \$3,200. americanstandard.com

The 17-inch depth makes it ideal for a nice, long soak.



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