



Stratos from **Hastings Tile & Bath** provides a modular approach to vanity design. Options include side cabinets, underneath storage and drawers that can be aligned or offset to the left or right or floating. The cabinets are available in 35 colors or three wood laminate finishes; the solid surface countertop is available in three matte or six glossy finishes. Circle No. 171 on Product Card



**Scavolini** has partnered with Diesel to create the Diesel Open Workshop bathroom collection, which showcases industrial style through the significant use of metal. The pieces are available in a host of different configurations that combine materials and colors – for doors, tops, profiles and glazing. Circle No. 173 on Product Card



Conceived by Italian design studio Nespoli e Novara, Expo is one of the vanity offerings from **Graff**. The design of the pieces in the line – which includes a vanity with washbasin, hanging shelves and a mirror – was inspired by the shape of a vintage carpenter's bench. All the pieces are available in a matte white finish. Circle No. 175 on Product Card



**Dura Supreme's** bath furniture program includes six vanity styles, along with coordinating linen cabinets and mirrors. The furniture can be designed with a variety of door styles, wood species and finish options, and can be custom sized. Decorative turned posts and toe options, as well as bun feet, can be added for personalization. Circle No. 177 on Product Card

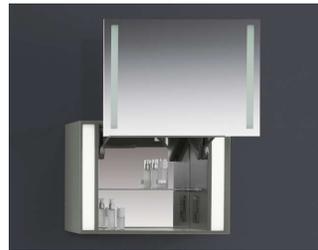


Photo: Courtesy of Decora Cabinetry

**Decora Cabinetry** offers a U-shaped, full-extension drawer in its vanity that fits around the plumbing, providing additional undercounter storage space. Options include one wide drawer, one narrow and one front space, or narrow front space with two wide side spaces. Circle No. 172 on Product Card



The Fenix material showcased in this matte black vanity from **Blu Bathworks** is almost like velvet to the touch and is obtained from nanotechnologies, according to the company, which makes it resistant to fingerprints, scratches, rubbing and abrasions. The material impedes bacteria and is anti-mold and water repellent, the firm notes. Circle No. 174 on Product Card



A **Ronbow** Signature product created by German design firm Phoenix Design, the Stack medicine cabinet features a distinctive lift-up door style. The touch-activated LED mirror includes two electrical outlets and two USB ports inside the cabinet, as well as an open shelf on the right. Stack is available in two different sizes in a Stone Gray finish. Circle No. 176 on Product Card



**Villeroy & Boch's** updated version of its popular Subway XXL collection features new chrome optic drawer pulls, a 1/3:2/3 division and deeper bottom drawers that allow for more storage. The Subway XXL collection is available in a variety of brilliant finishes, including Glossy White, White Wood, Glossy Grey and Oak Graphite. Circle No. 178 on Product Card

## FLEXIBLE STORAGE

Storage is a key factor in vanity trends, particularly in master bathrooms. Closed storage is more popular than open, according to many manufacturers, since it allows for an uncluttered look while still providing a place for necessities.

“Most homeowners are interested in closed storage to provide a clean look in the bathroom,” believes L’Henaff. “Vanities that offer roomy drawers with divided storage that make organization easy are the most in demand, particularly for master bathrooms that see daily use. Closed storage simplifies the task of cleaning the bathroom, and also keeps personal items protected from moisture,” he adds.

“In bathroom spaces, I think consumers want things hidden and not out in the open,” states Mannion. “They are looking for serenity and that is hard to achieve when you have a cluttered space.”

Lemel agrees that most consumers feel strongly about wanting closed storage in bathroom spaces, which he attributes to both moisture levels and the aesthetic of a closed vanity. But the most important thing, he adds, is to reduce countertop clutter and have the right storage for the user’s individual needs.

O’Neill sees a strong preference toward closed storage because it aligns with transitional styling. “It has a sleeker, more clean appearance to it,” she says. But that doesn’t mean there isn’t room for open options.

“While closed storage is the current buzz, consumers are still using a lot of open storage as well. In accordance with the transitional style, less clutter and minimal accessories are what people are looking for. Maximizing the space you have has become a huge aspect in cabinetry.”

Nielson believes that storage preferences are dependent on design and geographic region. “Open storage has grown in popularity, as people opt for a clean, contemporary aesthetic. In the master bath, however, there is a preference for at least some closed storage – even if it’s a single drawer or a closed cabinet,” she notes.

While the hospitality industry often opts for open storage, according to Gifford, in residential projects, both types of storage are evident. The firm’s “Open” collection, which offers a combination of closed and open storage, is very popular, he adds.

Robinson says that Lacava offers vanities with both options, and each type does well. “Storage is very important in the bathroom. We all have a plethora of personal care products we use on a daily or weekly basis. People like to hide unsightly things like toilet paper and personal care products, but still want open storage to display their accent pieces like candles, colored towels or that expensive new fragrance they just picked up. I think a mix of both is really hot right now,” he notes.

Mucha adds, “Homeowners are looking for unique designs and functional storage. That is not always defined as open or closed