



**IN THE LOOP** Loop & Friends Collection freestanding bathtub, \$3,700, by Villeroy & Boch of Pierce Decorative Hardware and Plumbing, 2615 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, 214.368.2851; KIVA Kitchen & Bath, 7071 Southwest Freeway, Houston, 713.781.2222; KIVA Kitchen & Bath, 4225 Burnet Road, Austin, 512.454.4526; villeroy-boch.com

## BATH TIME

Long known for its innovative bathroom design, European brand **Villeroy & Boch** has added two new tubs to its Loop & Friends collection. One square and one oval, the two freestanding bathtubs are crafted from high-quality acrylic and feature 3 1/2-inch edges that make for easy-access shelving. Another bonus: The tubs' versatile style means they are suitable for contemporary or classic spaces.



## CIRCLE OF LIFE

Inspired by nature and Japanese typography that features a single brushstroke, **GRAFF**'s new Ametis Ring brings a complete spa experience home. The circular shower fitting's unique chromotherapy function features a full-spectrum, six-color LED lighting system, along with a water flow that moves gently between two settings: rain and waterfall.

**LORD OF THE RINGS** Ametis Ring, \$6,899, by **GRAFF** at TKO Associates, 1617 Hi Line Drive, Ste. 230, Dallas, 214.741.6666; Baths of America, 4230 Richmond Ave., Houston, 713.572.2284; graff-faucets.com

## HILL COUNTRY HAVEN

For the master bathroom of **Sara Story**'s Texas vacation home, which sits on 500 acres near Kerrville, the New York-based designer let the scenery take the lead. "I didn't want the interior to compete with the stunning view," says Story, who grew up in Houston and returns often to her home state for long weekends and holidays. To be sure the design wouldn't distract from the oak trees and lilac bushes viewable just outside the room's floor-to-ceiling window, Story opted for a mostly black-and-white color palette, with arabesco marble for the floor and countertops, Venetian plaster for the walls and shou sugi ban for the cabinets and bathtub surround. "I wanted the materials and color scheme to be consistent throughout," she says. "The house is a mixture of black, gray and white materials, and there is a textural and tactile nature to all the elements selected." Continuing the minimalist theme are the Dornbracht plumbing fittings, the Westyle tub and the Marianne Brandt Bauhaus pendants, all masterfully mixed to create what Story describes as a "rich, while serene, environment."

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