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DUAL PURPOSE

This soft paint tone is fresh without being cold, and will help energise activity for busy morning routines. Paint expert, Francesca Wetzel, explains that using the same colour on the ceiling of the room is cosier, which is a desirable feeling for indulgent bathing. For a palatial atmosphere, we love this dreamy 'bath canopy', which looks perfectly in keeping with a classic bath, and is an encouraging reminder to take the time to unwind.

Salt Lake II paint in eco emulsion, matt and chalky emulsion, from £21.21 for one litre, Francesca's Paints; try Victorian Plumbing for a similar circular shower curtain

ROMANTIC DRAMA

A freestanding, roll-top bath is often utilised for relaxed bathing, but to evoke a sumptuous atmosphere the scene around the bath needs to be equally appealing. In a large room the space around the bath should not feel empty. In this example an imposing dresser provides a display area, grand height and storage. Observe how the bath and dresser are linked with a tonal hue – colour matching is a subliminal way to delineate a bathing area in a master or guest bedroom. The true allure of this room is the confident decoration of the fireplace area, enhanced with an evocative print and an occasional chair, which lifts the scene with a blush of colour.

Torridge bath with ball-and-claw feet in a hand-painted finish, £4150, available in a range of colours, Drummonds



ASSORTED MATERIALS

This bathroom has a similar layout to the one above, but it has a more relaxed style. Although it appears busy, patterns and textures mingle with a stretch of white throughout the room. Decorating a neutral bathroom with splashes of prints, or even a feature wall, moves it from pared back to relaxed informality. Take inspiration from the arrangement of contemporary vessels and vintage mirrors, which are precisely planned and strategically placed, as opposed to a chaotic accumulation.

Spoonback chair, £1,290; vintage mirrors, various prices, large storage ottoman, £195, French cupboard, £310, The Dorny House

