



### « UPGRADE THE TAPS

Bring a more polished look to your bathroom with new, high-quality taps. Most conventional taps can be changed easily by removing the top assemblies and replacing them with new ones. This can be done in the shower, bath and basin and should cost from around \$300 to \$500 for all three sets.

### ✓ BUY A NEW BASIN

No longer just a place to wash your hands, basins today make a statement in bathrooms. In recent years, top international designers such as Antonio Citterio and Patricia Urquiola have brought their creative vision to the bath and basin. The look now is organic, with rounded-off edges leading the way. Unlike baths, however, basins are small, so they are reasonably priced and easy to install (so long as you don't change its position, or you may have to factor in plumbing costs). Expect to pay between \$300 and \$1000 for a new basin. Reecedesign sells Antonio Citterio basins from \$500. Call (03) 9500 9978.

### designer tip

⤴ "The best way to get the most for your money is to take the focus away from big items, such as the bath. And nothing brightens a room more than a splash of red. So why not install a colour-backed glass shower screen? Toughened glass costs around \$330 a square metre. Or, invest in a large gilt-framed mirror. Ask your local framer, who could custom-make one from around \$400 to \$600, depending on the frame you choose."  
 - Shayna Blaze-Vaughan, interior designer, Blank Canvas Interiors

