

# FUTURISTIC SURGE

Deconstruct your bathroom to evoke a retro trend, with a contemporary twist.

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**M**odernisation has taken over all aspects of our lives so why should bathrooms be left behind. While most people are still enamoured by the uber utilitarian and modern industrial style bathrooms, you can flip the trend and indulge your senses in an unconventional style. This style is majorly inspired by warehouses and factories where functionality is the key element. But with an amalgamation of luxury, beauty and finesse, it is being given a contemporary connotation. This style is heavily influenced by the vintage and retro look with incorporation of urbanised look. You can be original and take inspiration from this style by mixing

it up with your preferences so that you have an exclusive bathroom. These are a few insights you should incorporate while curating your bathroom.

## Naked beauty

Firstly, you need to envision the theme of the bathroom, if it's strictly industrial or an inspired version. The fundamental features that set the industrial-styled bathrooms apart is the raw and minimalistic approach. This can be achieved with exposed pipes, naked bulbs, exposed bricks and wooden accents. These elements add a subtle retro and vintage feel, but still does not lose the contemporary appeal. You can include a shower which flows from exposed plumbing with no curtains for the authentic look. Also, mirrors without any frame or borders along with hanging bulbs will add the rustic charm.



most. "Unlike contemporary bathroom trends, the industrial design comprises of exposing pipes and fixings that are an indispensable way of generating a reliable industrial appeal with weathered, metallic tones that add much-needed hue to an otherwise monochrome interior space," says Hemil Parikh, Founder & Interior Designer, Elysium Abodes

## New meets old

You can have the best of both worlds by combining the vintage and rustic designs with urbanistic and futuristic styles. To give it an urban feel include concrete in the vanity, bathtub or more. To make things vintage, add metallic or chrome finishes to it. You can build a bathroom which has black, grey or white monotones that are quite contemporary or have a burst of colour according to individuality preferences. As Hemil says, "Delicate porcelain tiles, beautiful marble slab countertops and brushed chrome tubs are some of the materials utilised in the soft industrial style. Another aspect that distinguishes this style from others is the open concept design that features walk-in showers that help create a greater feeling of space, while lending a rustic feel to a contemporary futuristic bathroom space."

## Tile it up

If you don't want too many wooden fixtures in your bathroom, another method is to use small tiles in white or black, or a mixture of both. A minimalistic all-white ensemble brightens up the area, and the usage of copper accessories adds extra glamour to the look. The tiles reflect light creating a sense of space. Added natural light from large windows is a plus.

## Pop of colour

If you feel that your bathroom seems a bit dull due to the liberal use of materials such as concrete, wood and metal in colour palettes of greys and browns, you can simply amp it up by incorporating a fun and quirky element with a pop of colour that will enhance the texture of your bathroom. You can opt for reds, yellows, oranges and pinks. It will create a sense of warmth and life to the whole space. You can add colours to the vanity, stool, tiles and more. To make the bathroom more vibrant, use natural elements like plants and exposed wood. As Hemil concludes, raw red brick interiors reproduce the factory appeal while ensuring a warm environment.

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innovative by adding a wooden bathtub to lift up the aesthetics. Wood can give a rustic and vintage touch to your industrial bathroom fantasy. Another way to include wood is by installing a sliding door which looks both sleek and urban.

## Metallic charm

Metallic finish can be used for plumbing, polishing, and even bathtubs. The addition of metallic hues in black, gold, silver, rose gold, copper and so on can give a stylish and elegant vibe to space. The most trending colour is black as it gives definition and character to the bathroom. Metal pipe hangers are a great and chic way to hang your bathrobes and towels stylishly. You can also add metal legs to your bathtub, vanity and stool for an antique effect. There are many ironmongery designs like handles, levers and wheels, found in warehouses and factories are trending the

## Wooden wonder

Wood is a versatile material which accentuates the overall charm of the industrial bathroom trend. You can use in the flooring with different wooden accents that match the decor. Also, different accessories made out of wood, including crates, boxes and baskets make excellent options for storage. You can be even more