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BETTER DRENCHER
Shower heads like the Nebia by Moen Quattro use about half the water of a standard shower while providing force that doesn't feel like a sacrifice.

NO MERE MIRROR
The Hilo Light smart mirror's motion-activated touch screen lets you make calls, stream the news, listen to music or watch makeup tutorials.

THOUGHTFUL THRONE
The Wellness Toilet concept by Toto will double as a health-monitoring device that can text you recipe suggestions to balance your diet.

BRAINY TUB
Kohler's new PerfectFill system will automatically fill a tub to your desired depth and temperature with just a voice command.

LOO of the FUTURE

After two stress-filled pandemic years, some Americans are turning their bathrooms into spalike sanctuaries complete with smart toilets, chromotherapy showers, no-touch faucets and self-filling tubs

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THE SUGGESTION POPS up on your phone in the produce section of the grocery store: "Your diet seems unbalanced. The recommended recipe is: 'Salmon/Chicken Avocado Salad.'" A message from your nutritionist? Nope. Personal trainer? If only. In this vision of the future, it's your toilet doing the talking. The Wellness Toilet concept that Toto presented at this year's Consumer Electronics Show is a concept that doubles as a health-monitoring device. The concept isn't unprecedented: Toilets capable of analyzing their contents have been on clinicians' radar for some time. But as a piece of consumer electronics, Toto's toilet is unmatched. The release date (years, not months from now) and the specific technologies are still under wraps, said Bill Strang, Toto USA's president of Corporate Strategy and eCommerce, but the trend is clear: Bathrooms have become showcases for technology on par with kitchens and home theaters.

Christine Kohut, an interior designer in North Hampton, N.H., has noticed that the pandemic has driven many bathroom upgrades. "More people started asking for bidets, especially with the toilet-paper disaster at the beginning of

Covid," she said. "I think right now what's motivating people is germs, to be honest." This heightened hygiene awareness has motivated many to install touchless items like faucets and self-flushing toilets. When the home improvement website Houzz surveyed 2,891 homeowners for its 2021 Bathroom Trends Study, it found that more than a third of bathroom renovations undertaken in the past year or planned for the next three months include high-tech faucets and toilets with bidets, heated seats or self-cleaning tech.

The Houzz study also revealed that 41% of homeowners are using their bathrooms for rest and relaxation, seeking a "spa feel" in their spaces. "It has been a surge...a tsunami of need for home spas," said Clodagh, the mononymed Irish-born designer. Spa-like indulgences have shown up in sophisticated sound and light systems, often integrated with baths and showers. While the lights—controllable from touch screens or apps—are undeniably showy, she's most intrigued by their value as chromotherapy. "Color affects the senses. And the senses feed the emotions," she explained.

Whatever color you set your shower, said Jhoiey Ramirez, the creative director for the Sycamore Collective in Los Angeles, your guests are likely to be seeing green. Clients tend to see the latest innovations and come to her saying, "Wait. Why is my bathroom not doing that?"

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