

Update your decor with matte black





Rebecca Hay HOME DECOR

Matte black finishes have been now in the design spotlight for most of this year. Designers have been using black fixtures and finishes for a few years now, but it's finally catching everyone's attention and products are finally becoming readily available. If you are looking to update your home decor especially the bathroom this fall matte black may be the perfect choice for you.

Matte black finishes are showing up in various forms of lighting, hardware and plumbing fixtures. It pairs well with just about anything and I love mixing it with other metals. This certainly has become a very popular design trend as well. I adore the look of Matte black with golds and satin brass, but black goes very well with silvers and stainless finishes as well. Perhaps try pairing with or polished nickels and coppers.



A truly covetable design trend is the matte black faucet. They have sleek contemporary lines and lend themselves to both traditional and contemporary design, while being soft and luxurious to the touch.

These black fixtures can add sophistication when mixed with high end lighting and furnishings. They are also a great down to earth touch when used in a cottage or country setting.

Cabinet and door hardware are additional areas where you can add extra impact and update your home with this fresh look. By replacing old and dated interior door knobs with sleek matte black ones you can update your space. The cost is minimal and the impact can be extreme.

Global bath brand Victoria and Albert baths have recently launched an entire collection of tubs with options for colour on the exterior. The black is by far my favourite available in gloss or matte finish. Talk about luxury! If this is too daring take a look at their latest collections of black finish faucets as well as the stunning black lacquer vanities. Perfect for adding some style and drama while creating a strong visual statement in any bathroom space.

One reason to look at using black is that it grounds the eye in any space. Black slate tile or a great porcelain hex tile in a flat back is one look I adore and certainly will balance light walls and colourful fabrics in any space. Check out SS Tile & Stone online to see some great style forward trending



selections.

My Designer Tip: Remember to use the rule of repetition. If you add black to the floor tile or an area rug, make sure you pick up the

colour by repeating it elsewhere throughout the space for continuity.

So whether you are planning to remodel your home, bathroom or simply add-

ing some small decorative accents to your home this fall, consider adding in a few elements in black. It's bold and sassy and commands your attention. You might just stay a little ahead of the design curve while you're at it!

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