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A modern bathroom interior featuring a large, dark, oval-shaped bathtub on a stone floor. A potted plant sits on the tub's edge, and a towel hangs on a rack against a stone wall. A pair of white slippers is on the floor in the foreground.

THE NEW LUXURY -
WELLNESS AT HOME

As modern life becomes faster, noisier and more demanding, our homes have evolved to become truly personal sanctuaries designed to support everyday wellbeing amidst the hustle and bustle “out there”.

Boutique retreats and exclusive day spas are a lovely treat, but finding the time and the money can make getting there prohibitive. Instead, wellness is making its way into the everyday and finding its place in homes of every size through thoughtful design and purposeful spaces.

Whether you're planning a renovation or simply looking for ways to bring more calm into your daily routine, creating a wellness-focused home is about investing in rituals that make every day feel just a little more restorative.





The hottest wellness pairing

The sauna and ice bath combination is having quite the moment.

Once reserved for elite athletes and five-star retreats, these contrasting therapies have become one of the most sought-after wellness additions to contemporary homes. Better still, many options are now available as portable units, making them a practical investment that can move with you if you move on.

A beautifully crafted traditional Swedish sauna tucked beside the bathroom, overlooking the garden or positioned poolside creates an inviting space to unwind after a long day, be it solo or even socially. For those wanting a more modern approach, infrared saunas offer a sleek alternative while taking up a bit less space.

Pairing the heat of a sauna with the invigorating plunge into an ice bath has arguably become the wellness ritual du jour. While many embrace it for its physical benefits -including supporting cardiovascular health, circulation, muscle recovery and nervous system regulation - it's equally valued for the mental reset it provides. The experience encourages you to slow down, disconnect from technology and be completely present.



Turn everyday routines into spa rituals

Bringing wellness rituals into the home means they don't need to be saved for special occasions or bi-monthly appointments. Some of the most luxurious wellness upgrades are the ones you'll use every single day.

Replacing a standard shower with a steam shower has gained popularity - and for good reason when it transforms an ordinary bathroom into a personal spa. The idea is that the warm, enveloping steam creates a calming atmosphere while helping to ease tired muscles and clear congested airways. Add a few drops of essential oils and the entire experience becomes beautifully immersive.

After all, luxury isn't always about extravagance, but simply elevating the moments that already exist within your daily routine.

Bringing the resort home

There's something rather indulgent about soaking in an outdoor bath beneath open skies.

Once the hallmark of luxury eco-lodges and boutique accommodation, outdoor bathtubs are increasingly finding their way into private gardens, secluded courtyards and leafy terraces. Whether surrounded by lush planting, positioned to capture a breathtaking view or simply tucked behind a privacy screen, they offer a rare opportunity to slow down and reconnect with nature.

Few experiences rival the simple pleasure of warm water, fresh air and complete stillness.

Small pool, big impact

Plunge pools have become a favourite among homeowners looking to maximise lifestyle without sacrificing valuable outdoor space. Compact yet also incredibly versatile, they offer a refreshing place to cool off in summer, while heated versions provide year-round enjoyment.

Many homeowners are also opting for magnesium pools, due to their softer water and skin-friendly qualities. Combined with thoughtful landscaping, natural stone and comfortable seating, even the smallest backyard can become a resort-inspired retreat.

Rooms with (multi)purpose

The way we use our homes continues to shift.

The once-essential spare bedroom or formal study is increasingly giving way to spaces that support both physical and mental wellbeing. Yoga and meditation rooms and boutique-style home gyms are becoming highly desirable, allowing a dedicated space for a consistent wellness practice without ever leaving the front door.

Others are embracing restorative spaces in different ways, transforming unused rooms into calming reading lounges or libraries, art studios or intimate home cinemas designed for switching off rather than staying connected.

The common thread is intentionality. Every room has a purpose, and increasingly, that purpose is helping us feel better.





The little luxuries that make the biggest difference

Creating a wellness-focused home doesn't always require a major renovation, if you don't want it to. Often, it's the smallest of details that can have the greatest impact.

An elegant essential oil diffuser gently scenting the room. An air purifier improving the quality of every breath. Layers of indoor plants bringing softness and life to a room. A flourishing herb garden just outside the kitchen, and picking a sprig of something fresh to garnish your home-cooked meal. Plush towels warmed after a bath, flickering candles at dusk and natural fibres like linen, wool and cotton that invite lounging.

Introducing organic materials such as timber, stone, travertine and textured ceramics not only feel luxurious but create a stronger connection to nature - imbuing a sense of calm into every room.



Home: the new wellness destination

Ultimately, wellness at home isn't about following trends or recreating a luxury resort. It's about designing spaces that support your version of wellbeing - spaces that encourage you to pause, breathe deeply and recharge. Because, after all, perhaps the greatest luxury of all is coming home to your own personal sanctuary every single day.



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