

back in black

BLACK IS THE NEW WHITE – WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SANITARYWARE AND BATH FITTINGS. THESE STUNNING EXAMPLES WILL MAKE YOU TURN TO THE DARK SIDE, TOO.



The Ondus Digital bath mixer by Grohe is a touch-sensitive system with a sensual finish.



Artistroom chose a black WC to match the monotone Peranakan tiles. left Go for Scarabeo's two-tone Moai countertop basin to use black as an accent colour. Available from Sansei.

Coloured bathroom sanitaryware has always been available, but usually in safe pastel shades such as cream or peach. White sanitaryware paired with chrome-plated fittings seem to be the preferred choice for homeowners here, who prefer cleaner, more contemporary bathroom designs. White also seems more hygienic as dirt is easily visible.

Black, however, seems to be a popular new alternative. "It's seen by many as edgy and sophisticated when applied to sanitaryware," says Carera Bathroom's business development manager, Dylan Tay. Carera Bathroom stocks the Laufen Alessi Dot collection, which has a WC that stands out not only because of its matte-black finish, but also for its unusual, angular form.

Urban, sleek, and stylish all at once, black WCs, washbasins and fittings have captured the interest of design-savvy homeowners. Mark Chen, co-founder of interior design studio Artistroom, finds that people are starting to be more receptive to other unconventional bathroom colours and styles, too. Many manufacturers, adds Sansei sales and marketing manager Desmond Ng, have started to develop more coloured varieties to ride on this trend.