



Sunset

Before & After BATHROOM

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- ▲ Frameless cabinets with full-overlay doors and drawers suit sleek, contemporary baths. In this Asian-style scheme, horizontal bamboo panels on the long vanity set a tranquil tone.
- ▼ A bombé (bowfront) vanity showcases face-frame cabinets with flush-inset doors and drawers. Raised panels impart a subtle dimension, yet when closed the doors and drawers fit flush with the frame openings.

Vanity Basics

No matter how many family members use a bathroom, the vanity almost always functions as "command central." It holds a sink or two, supplies a surface for a host of everyday items, and typically provides below-counter storage. With so many roles to fill, the vanity merits careful consideration in any makeover plan.

Vanities fall into two broad categories: fitted cabinetry and unfitted, furniture-like pieces.

Fitted Cabinetry

The fitted, or built-in, vanity remains popular because it offers storage in the base, referred to as the "box." There are two types of box construction for fitted vanity cabinets: face-frame and frameless.

Face-frame cabinets have a wood frame attached to the front edges of the box. Doors and drawers fit into the opening or cover part of it, but the frame always shows. The hinges may or may not show.

Frameless cabinets have no frame attached to the face of the box. Open the door and you see the edges of the box itself; close the door and the edges are covered. Hidden hinges (often called "Euro-style" hinges) are attached to the inside.

Doors and drawers differ in the way they fit the cabinets.

Flush-inset doors and drawers close flush with the frame on face-frame cabinets. It's the most expensive style because a precise fit is required.



▲ Spare and elegant, this freestanding tub offers a minimalist take on a traditional claw-foot style. A swath of pebble flooring demarcates the tub area yet blends beautifully with the warm-toned bamboo flooring.

▶ A raised-panel apron dresses up the face of this recessed tub. On the surrounding walls, the tiles extend to the edges of the tub, covering the flange.



▼ Calcutta white marble on the tub deck and backsplash accentuates the clean, classic lines of this undermounted drop-in tub.