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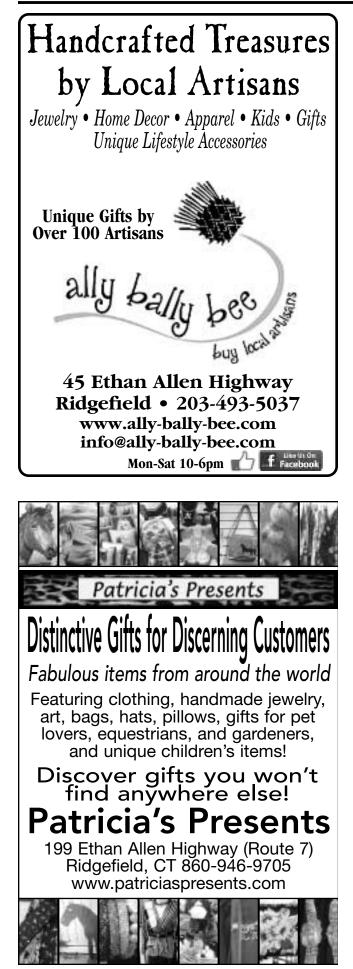


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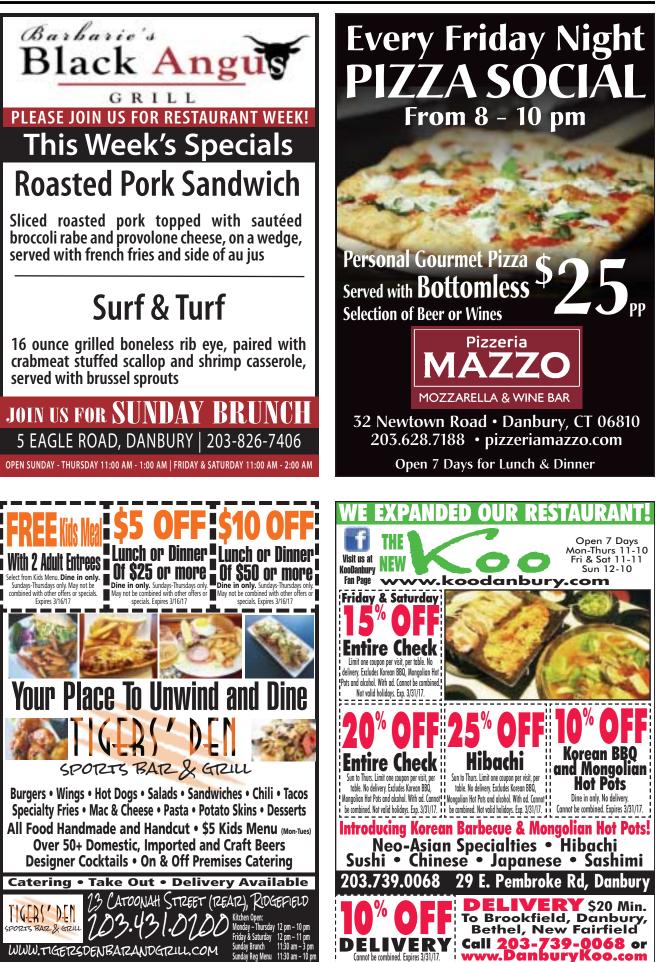
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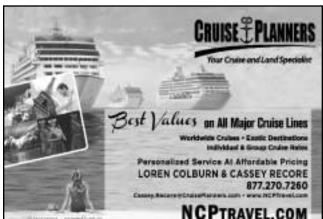
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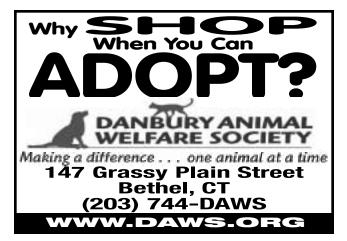
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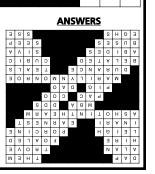
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4 Hot Bathroom Design Trends That Don't Cost A Bundle



Popular transitional styling is depicted here with the American Standard 6-inch square showerhead and luxurious Times Square shower system and convenient handshower.

(BPT) - Coffee bars, TVs in mirrors, smart toilets and pet-friendly amenities - a growing number of homeowners are requesting such upscale features in their bathroom design, according to the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA). Is it any wonder that association members report the average cost of remodeling a bath is between \$10,000 and \$30,000? However, you don't have to spend that much to update your bathroom stylishly and easily.

Here are four popular bathroom design preferences, plus tips to costeffectively achieve these looks in your home:

Transitional is trending. According to a poll of remodeling professionals, the vast majority agreed that "transitional" was the most-requested style in bathroom settings. Transitional design allows you to blend elements of both traditional and contemporary styles. The result is a comfortable blend of sophistication and simplicity that is easy to create with only a modest investment.

Neutrals have staying power. Long favored for their ability to create an easy-to-customize color foundation, neutral hues remain in vogue in the bathroom. Whites and grays are the most popular color schemes, NKBA reports, although these colors aren't confined to walls or floors.

White continues to be the most popular color choice for toilets, tubs and sinks. In bathrooms with these pristine-toned fixtures, you can cost-effectively play on the neutral trend by adding pale gray to the walls. For a subtle effect that will also add height to the room, paint the ceiling a gray several shades lighter than the walls.

Superior showers. The shower is becoming a highlight of the bathroom, with many renovators reporting that homeowners want customization such as lighting, built-in seating, benches and hand-showers installed. Remodeling your shower can be as simple as replacing an old-style, static showerhead with an upgraded, more luxurious model. A teak shower seat and recessed lighting above the shower are also cost-effective upgrades that can elevate your shower experience to be truly spa-like.

Aging-in-place amenities. Home design experts have long predicted that as baby boomers grow older, demand will increase for home features that will allow seniors to stay in their houses throughout their golden years. NKBA members report evidence of this trend, with more homeowners asking for aging-in-place upgrades such as grab bars, higher vanities and chair-height toilets. Replacing knob faucets with single-handle or leverstyle faucets allows people with dexterity challenges to easily and safely function in the bathroom. Aging-in-place upgrades are among the most useful and cost-effective bathroom improvements.

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Q: I recently took my leased 2015 Honda Civic to the dealership for an inspection sticker. My car is one year old and with 900 miles. It failed emissions. I was told I needed to drive on the highway a few days and get some miles on it and then come back and try again. Is this common among new cars or is this a problem with Hondas?

A: The issue is that the various computer monitors haven't completed their test cycle. For the average driver, this isn't usually a problem. For someone who drives so little, your car just hasn't met all the criteria for the readiness monitors to set. Time and a bit of highway driving should solve the issue. If you don't want to wait, Honda has a very specific procedure to get the monitors to go through their system test procedures.

Q: I have a 2013 Hyundai Azera that I purchased new. At most times of the day the windshield reflects the dashboard and makes it somewhat difficult to see, especially when the sun is shining into the windshield. The pebble grain finish of the dashboard and the speaker grill in the dashboard are reflected on the windshield. I tried putting a towel on the dash but it reflects the towel and has not helped. I have checked the web for dashboard covers and there are lots of companies that have these. I'm afraid to order one of these and not get any improvement. Could it be the windshield glass is defective? Any suggestions would be appreciated.

A: I believe the issue has to do with the angle of the windshield and how you sit in the car. I would try moving the seat up/down or tilting it slightly to see if it makes any difference. I would also try a dark towel on the dash and see if that helps. If the dark color works, then try a dash pad cover.

Q: We need to leave our car for two months in our attached garage. What should we do to ensure the car is okay when we return?

A: Leaving a car for two months isn't too much of a concern. I would start with topping off all the vital fluids, checking the coolant, filling up the gas tank and adding gasoline stabilizer (Sta-Bil is one brand). I would also inflate the tires to the maximum on the sidewall, lubricate doors, locks and open the windows slightly so the interior can breathe. If you have any issues with mice, remove any food and buy some rodent repellant. When you return, there is a possibility the battery will have fully discharged. A Battery Tender or some other automatic float style battery charger will keep this from happening. If you want to risk a discharged battery, back into the garage to allow easy access for jumpstarting.

Q: I just purchased a 2016 Toyota Corolla. The dealer told me I need to come back for oil changes because of the special synthetic oil. Do I really need to use this special oil?

A: Like many new cars, your Corolla needs oil that meets a specific specification. It is not necessary to use Toyota oil but an oil that meets this specification. Looking at oil currently available, synthetic oil is about the only oil that meets the 0W-20 specification as well as the ILSAC GF5 ratings. Since your Toyota requires the oil change yearly or every 10,000 miles whichever comes first, synthetic oil is actually more cost effective than conventional oil changed every 3-5000 miles in other cars.



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