

# ECO DESIGN SOLUTIONS for bathrooms

Reduce your bills with these latest ideas designed with the environment in mind

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From taps to WCs, the new water-saving devices, teamed with natural paint and recycled and sustainable materials, mean that your space can help the planet while also being functional and stylish.

## 1 ORGANIC SHAPE

Apaiser is an Australian bathware designer and manufacturer specialising in handfinished stone composite baths and basins. Made using crushed recycled marble, with the highest stone content on the market, the designs come in a range of contemporary styles. The Sentosa bath, H52.5xW113.5xL172cm, comes in Mercury (shown) and 18 neutral shades, priced around £4,000 from UK stockist Laurence Pidgeon.



## 2 FRIENDLY FLOORING

**A** A Cork oak tree can be harvested repeatedly over its 250-year lifespan, and is 100 per cent biodegradable. Cork flooring is a good thermal and sound insulator, making it comfortable and quiet to walk on. It's also naturally fire-retardant and does not absorb dust, helping protect against allergies, with no risk to asthma sufferers.

**B** Renewable, biodegradable and recyclable, sustainably sourced engineered flooring uses less of the premium wood resource, as it is only used for the top visible layer. The Natural Wood Floor Company sells flooring from both ethically and environmentally responsible sources.

**C** All Moduleo flooring contains up to 50 per cent recyclable material, while its Belgian production plant meets the strictest EU air- and water-pollution policies. Its luxury vinyl flooring is moisture-proof, and scuff- and stain-resistant thanks to its Protectonite coating; it also limits noise and keeps toes toasty with its excellent heat insulation and acoustic properties – ideal for bathrooms. ▶

### 2A

The durable Corkloc Click system is easy to install, with a hardwearing, factory-applied finish. Timide cork tile, W29.5x L90.5cm, £40.18 per m<sup>2</sup>, Urbane Living



### 2C



Impress Scarlet Oak 50230 flooring, available dryback, W19.5xL132cm, or as Click, W19.5x L131.5cm, £34.99 per m<sup>2</sup>, Moduleo

Right Drift Wood flooring, sold in varied lengths, W18cm, from £55 per m<sup>2</sup>, The Natural Wood Floor Company

### 2B