



Luxurious, Handcrafted Copper Tubs Transform Everyday into a "Holiday"

Turn everyday into a holiday with a long, leisurely soak in a deep slipper tub like the one in which Cameron Diaz lounges in the new movie, "The Holiday." These old-style freestanding tubs are enjoying newfound fame. Right in sync with the spa trend and the ever-expanding American bathroom, there are versions aplenty for a country cottage or urban oasis in a variety of shapes and materials.

Copper tubs are among the most exclusive of these curvy, sexy soakers, offering a romantic Victorian-era indulgence. Native Trails, a California-based producer of handmade copper sinks, introduced the Aurora "double slipper" in 2005 that angles both ends of the tub to provide greater comfort. That style proved so popular that this year the company launched its Zen-like "Aspen," a double-walled oval.

"Copper is an ideal material for bathtubs," says Naomi Neilson of Native Trails. "Due to the metal's high conductivity, when hot water starts filling the tub, the tub surface heats up, meaning you can lean back and the tub is already warm."

Native Trails tubs are made of 100% recycled copper, so getting clean also means being environmentally friendly. The tubs are also completely handmade and hammered, adding to the luxury.

Luxuriate in the 72" Aurora; price, \$12,500; the 60" version is \$10,500. The Aspen (64") is \$19,500. Available nationwide at top bath showrooms. For local availability, call 800.786.0862. (www.nativetrails.net)



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