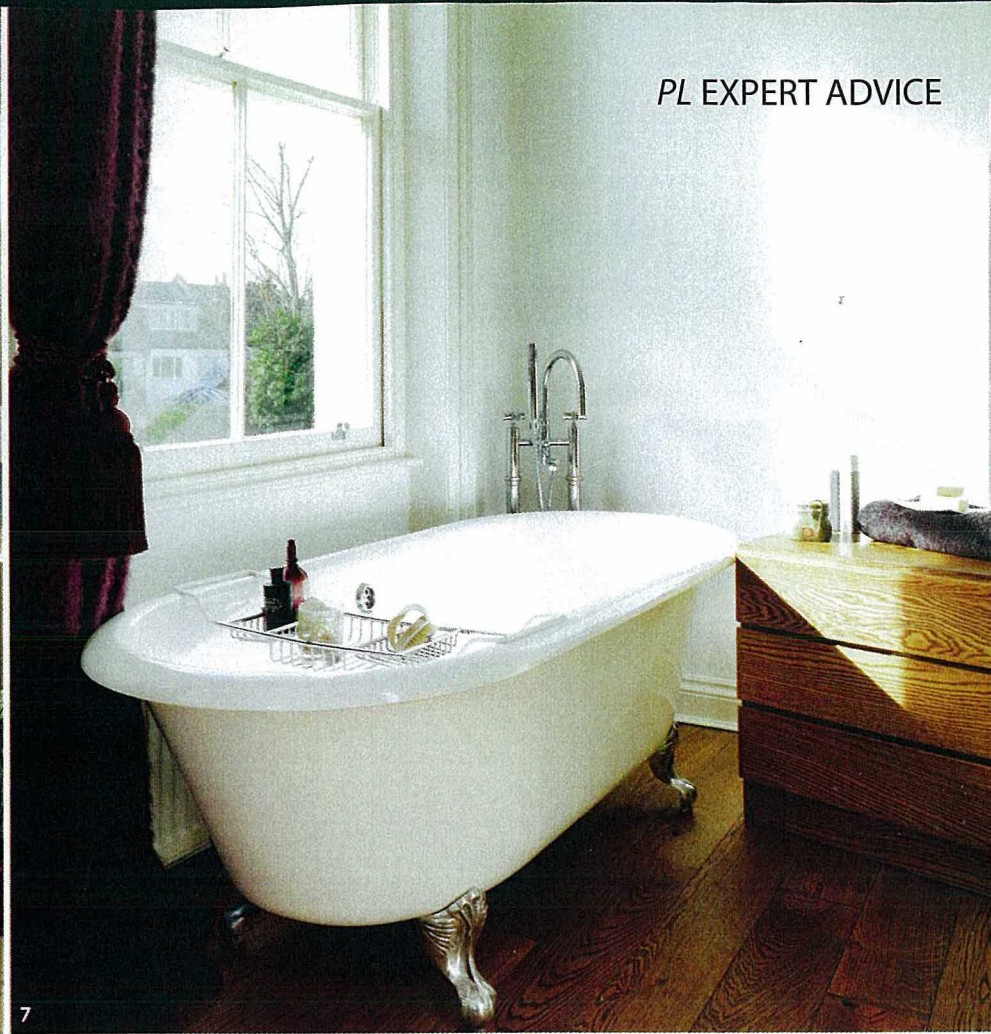


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1 A free-standing bath can make a striking feature in a small bathroom, as demonstrated here by American interior designer Frank Roop. For a similar compact roll-top try Royce Morgan's 152cm-long Miami bath, which is around £439 **2** Placing baths at an angle helps draw the eye towards a feature, in this case the garden beyond. Victoria & Albert's Amalfi baths cost £2,447 each from West One Bathrooms **3** Build a dividing wall between your shower and bath to hide the pipework. Flower Power glass mosaic tiles by SICIS,

from Surface. For a similar bath try Castello Luxury Baths **4** A bespoke cabinetmaker can turn a standard inset bath into a free-standing beauty by creating a timber painted frame that coordinates with surrounding furniture. Chalon's bathrooms start at £20,000 **5** A free-standing bath with a matching bath/shower mixer tap will allow you to rinse hair without requiring the headroom of a conventional shower. For a similar bath, try Antique Bathrooms of Ivybridge. The Chagall Toast natural vinyl

flooring costs £24 per sq m from yourfloors.co.uk **6** Experimenting with the position of your bath can result in a more dynamic layout as the locating of this Devon Slipper bath, £2,245 from Heritage Bathrooms, shows. The wall and floor tiles are from H&E Smith **7** The curved rim of a roll-top bath leaves no space for shampoo or soap. Ripples designed this cabinet on castors that can be wheeled into position. The Portobello bath is £1,489 from Adamsez; Ripples' bathrooms start from around £6,000

KEY FREE-STANDING BATH SHAPES

- a) VICTORIAN ROLL-TOP** The Victorian roll-top bath with traditional ball-and-claw feet is a classic design that never falls out of favour. It comes in single-ended, double-ended and compact versions. This model has an integral tap ledge. This is the double-ended cast-iron Hertford Bath, £1,885, Thomas Crapper & Co.
- b) BATEAU** Typically based on original 19th-century French designs, the Bain de Bateau is a double-ended tub that's extra deep with fairly vertical sides and a skirted plinth that sits flat to the floor, hiding pipework behind. Le Bateau Grand from Catchpole & Rye costs from £4,025.
- c) FLOOR STANDING SLIPPER** Combining the comfort of a slipper bath, with the width of a Bateau, Victorian Bathrooms' Dakota cast-iron bath is both practical and beautiful. It's supplied ready to paint in the colour of your choice. Prices start from £2,299.
- d) SLIPPER** A classic slipper bath tapers up at one end. The taps are located at the shallower end, leaving the higher sculpted deep-end to be used as a back support. A bathroom featuring the Shropshire free-standing slipper bath starts from £6,000, from Dolphin Bathrooms.



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