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## 7 AUDACIOUS VANITIES THAT MAKE A BOLD STATEMENT



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*Aquatica Bath is one manufacturer designing creative bathroom vanities. See more below.*

For every understated vanity, there's another that demands the spotlight on the bathroom stage.

Some of them are wildly unconventional, adapting all kinds of unusual supporting structures for the sink. Others are more restrained, but no less imaginative.

Designers are of mixed minds about these kinds of vanities. Some feel the most inventive ones are just too 'out there'. New York designer [Michael Wood](#) cops to being a long-ago fan of [MTV's Cribs](#) series – in which makers created outlandish home décor, like building a water bed onto a Ferrari. His opinion: "Just because you can put two things together, doesn't mean you should."

But while some vanities might tread the edge of good taste, some unusual vanity and washbasin combos really work, and there are designers happy to explore the possibilities.

"We retrofit furniture into vanities all the time," says [Alison Pickart](#), who has her design base in Larkspur, CA. She recalls a Chicago powder room project. "We used a jade green Asian-influence console table as our 'vanity' and added a marble vessel sink to the top."

Los Angeles-based designer and [HGTV](#) star [Emily Henderson](#) retrofitted an old dresser in her guest bathroom with a vessel sink.

"I love the way it looks and the vintage vibe it brings into the room, but it does require time, some custom woodworking, and it can be expensive depending on the piece of furniture you use."

Whether you experiment with your own ideas, or buy the product of someone else's creative vision, you can't argue with the results of a bathroom with a stylish, functional—and sometimes fun—fixture.

Here are some to consider:

### **Kreoo Bubbles Washbasin**

Soap bubbles floating in the air inspired Marco Piva's Bubbles vanity/sink combo made of Blanco Calacatta and Nero portoro marble with metal trim.



### **Aquatica Bath (<https://www.aquaticausa.com/products/627722003975-mybag-furniture-composition>) MyBag Suitcase Basin**

Evoking old-fashioned luggage or artist's cases, the MyBag basin suitcase closes completely. The color palette of Ice, Turquoise, Green, or Yellow, with wenge or honeyed ash legs, is both retro and contemporary.



### Littlebranch Farm Rustic Wood Vanity

Nashville-based furniture maker Kelly Maxwell harvests woods like juniper, maple and cedar from the Pacific Northwest forest floor and transforms them into vanities with hammered copper sinks. The one-of-a-kind pieces celebrate the sculptural rustic qualities of the origin material. "This one has a salvaged root base, with an old growth redwood live edge countertop," he says.



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