

# Updated Victorian bath

A whitewashed cottage space with creative period details feels clean-lined and cozy

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Sometimes the best way to update a space is to look to the past. In this master bath, Victorian-era style blends with select contemporary elements to create a washroom that feels fresh and inviting. A pair of elegant marble-topped console sinks supported by brackets and shapely metallic legs evokes an earlier time when “modern” exposed plumbing and polished-nickel fixtures were points of homeowner pride. But this isn’t a strict period setup. Other time-honored touches—picture-rail-height hanging hooks, candle-style library lighting—get reinvented in the bath setting. And the natural textures of wicker storage baskets and rustic pedestal tables add an unexpected twist, warming up the room’s hard surfaces.

Like what you see? Read on for more ways to refresh your own bath with been-there-forever charm.



## timber table

A reclaimed ponderosa-pine wood block that has been kiln-dried approximates the weathered side tables at right. We coated ours with a protective conditioner made of beeswax and orange oil. \$189; [realwoodworks.org](http://realwoodworks.org)

## mosaic-tile floor

The graphic shapes of octagon and dot tile stand out against traditional gray grout lines. Tile, \$2.50 per square foot, and grout, \$27; [lowes.com](http://lowes.com)



PHOTOS: ("TIMBER TABLE," TILE AND GROUT, SINK LEGS AND PAINT, APOTHECARY JARS, LAUNDRY BASKET, MIRROR, HOOK AND RIBBONS) WENDELL T. WEBBER



## library sconce

Traditional nickel fixtures hung at eye level on either side of each vanity mirror add a polished look and banish unflattering shadows. \$147; [homeclick.com](http://homeclick.com)



## cross-handle faucet

This spout matches the ones at left, and its adjustable 8- to 16-inch center makes it a perfect fit for the variable spreads you'll find on vintage sink tops. Kohler Pinstripe faucet, \$587; [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

## apothecary jars

Sturdy glass-stoppered containers store soaps, salts, and other bath solutions in style. 22-ounce jar, \$22, and 6-ounce jar, \$11; [areohome.com](http://areohome.com)



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## console sink

Shop salvage for vintage Carrara-marble sink tops. We found this one at [oldhouseparts.com](http://oldhouseparts.com) for \$250. Fit it with an undermount basin and wood legs finished with metallic paint for a handsome console setup. Legs, \$51 each; [tablelegs.com](http://tablelegs.com). Molten Metallics paint, \$16 per pint; [benjaminmoore.com](http://benjaminmoore.com)

## arched mirror

This shapely oak-framed mirror has a silhouette akin to the Louis Philippe-style ones in this room. Hang it with a garment hook and a striped ribbon for a similar effect. Mirror, \$249; [wisteria.com](http://wisteria.com). Ribbon, from \$3 per yard; [mjtrim.com](http://mjtrim.com). Hook, \$1.28, [lowes.com](http://lowes.com)



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## laundry basket

The woven fibers of this typha basket add a rustic, natural texture to the space, like wicker ones do, but these won't snag linens. Basket, \$40; [containerstore.com](http://containerstore.com). Towels, \$16 each; [sears.com](http://sears.com) ■

