

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE
TO BUYING A
FREESTANDING
Tub



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Introduction

Hi there!

If you're looking for a modern, up to date bathtub for your home, you've come to the right place! We are a family owned business that specializes in freestanding tubs and we're proud to say that we're an authorized dealer for some of the best brands in the industry.

One of the first things we fell in love with on our trip to Europe we took a couple of years ago was the bathrooms. I know it's not what you'd expect to hear when talking about trips in Europe but we have a great passion for bathroom design. Some talk about architecture, others talk about history, and we talk about bathroom décor. Specifically, one of the main attributes that attracted us to the bathrooms was the popularity and beauty of the freestanding tubs.

Coming back to the States, we quickly wanted to find our own taste of the bathroom décor we'd come to love, but it was extremely hard. No one seemed to know what we wanted, or have a decent quantity of stock to choose from. We learned that although they were so popular in Europe, they were only just beginning to take hold in American bathrooms. They have always been popular but in the last few years they are definitely one of the hottest trends in regards to the bathroom design. That's how we came to start [Luxury Freestanding Tubs](#).

Since then, we've successfully served hundreds and hundreds of satisfied customers by sprucing up bathrooms all across the country with contemporary, traditional, or modern freestanding tubs. We can match the existing look of the bathroom and help create a centerpiece. We want everyone to experience that touch of luxury in their bathroom and in their home.



So, let's talk about everybody's favorite room in the house. Some might claim that the kitchen is their favorite spot. That's not a bad contender for the prize. Some might talk about the bedroom, and there are certainly reasons that room stands up there as well. But I would argue that the bathroom is the best room in the home.

Hear me out on this one. To begin, it's the room that everybody has and that everybody visits every day. Consistently, you visit your bathroom several times in a day. B) It's the only place in the home that you get some privacy. Parents of the world know this, taking just a few minutes away in their bathroom can make the difference between sanity and lunacy with small kids around. If you have more than one person in the home, it's guaranteed that the only place you can get privacy is in the bathroom. And thirdly, it's the place that always gets the most praise for looking good. Nobody ever says, "Wow, you have a nice den." And no real estate agent ever markets a home saying it's got a modern and immaculate garage. Bathrooms are what matters to home owners.

So, it stands to reason that if you have a room that you're always in, that is just for you, and that everyone will be impressed with, it's worth putting some effort into your bathroom. If you're like me, you value a high-end bathroom and it's something that you'll remember for a long time. If you've ever thought about creating your own luxury bathroom, there are no hard and fast rules about what to create. Design and architecture play a part, but no matter what you're working with, you can create your own well-appointed and deluxe bathroom by paying attention to just a few key elements. They can transform your "loo" to become luxury, your WC to become WOW, your powder room to become posh, and your lavatory to become lavish. We go in depth about what these elements are and how to make the most of them in our Ultimate Guide To High-End Bathroom Décor book you'll receive with every purchase on our website. For now, let's talk about what in our opinion is the most important part of any bathroom, you guessed it, a good-looking freestanding tub!



If you just bought a new home or are renovating the bathroom and you're not sure how to go about finding that perfect tub, rest assured that we will help guide you through the entire process.

Owning a freestanding tub is not only in style but it's also a sign of good taste and appreciation for everything beautiful. Compared to the classic bathtubs the freestanding tubs will liven up your bathroom and make it stand out over your neighbor's bathroom, that's for certain.

Freestanding tubs have been known throughout history to be a symbol of status. They are considered more high-end and are for people who don't mind showing off a little bit.

There are multiple things you want to keep in mind and consider when you're looking into making this kind of a purchase; type, size, material, design and the budget your working with. Researching different bathtubs is the best way to identify the one that fits your needs and your budget. First, decide on your budget for a bathtub. Once you identify a price range for a tub, you will have a better idea of the types of tubs you can afford. When you set a budget for yourself, you clearly identify with what kind of budget you're working with and that makes it easier to narrow down your options.

Also, keep in mind that when you get home from work and you've had a long day, you want to feel as though you have somewhere you can go to relax. You want to know that you have a safe haven waiting for you so make sure you choose the bathtub you like best. While your bathtub may not be your first stop when you get home, it will definitely be on your list towards the end of the night – it definitely is on mine. For me, jumping into our freestanding tub at the end of a stressful day is one of the best feelings out there. You want to make sure that you'll be able to find peace and comfort with your tub.

You'll also want to take the space you have available into the consideration. You don't want to purchase a tub that's going to be too small or too large for the space that you're working with. As with any tub that you purchase, you want to make sure that these tubs are placed in an area with either tile, laminate or hardwood floor. Water around the area of the tub can ruin and stain the carpet. Keep this in mind when you're thinking of where you want your tub to be placed. Getting



a good mat is also recommended. We'll sometimes have promotions and offer an eco-friendly anti-slip mat as a gift so do make sure you contact our live chat about that ;).

In the world of huge retailers and automation choosing a freestanding tub can be a difficult process if you don't find enough information on the website and the right customer support to take care of you. The information we will share with you, will give you more clarity on what is the best freestanding bathtub for you so you can make your purchase with confidence. We offer affordable freestanding tubs and all of them are backed with our 30 day easy money back guarantee and free manufacturer's warranty since we want you to be 100% satisfied with your purchase. We want you to be sure you're getting the best possible prices on the market and that's why we offer a price match guarantee. This means that if you find an online store that offers a lower price than we do, within 90 days of your purchase for most products, we will refund your original payment for the difference and **we'll also give you \$100!**

If you'll have any additional questions after reading this guide you can always call us on 877-828-1882, e-mail us at info@luxuryfreestandingtubs.com or contact us via live chat – [we are here to help you as best as we can](#). If you'll have any questions after the purchase simply let us know and we'll help you with whatever you need – anything from shipping inquiries to bathroom design.



Types of Bathtubs

Freestanding bathtubs come in many different shapes and sizes so there are many types of tubs that you have to choose from.



Just throwing in a clawfoot beauty for you to enjoy ;)

Clawfoot Tub:

This is probably the one feature of bathtubs that everyone recognizes. It's a tub that's elevated off the ground with clawfoot supporting it. It's a familiar style and works well in both older homes as well as modern dwellings. This type of tub is very stylish and it's also a classic tub that prides itself on its vintage quality. Keeping the design and appearance of the tub from the past and putting a modern twist on it is what makes it so popular. These specific tubs with their



unique clawfeet can replicate the claw of an animal. If you're looking to make a strong impression in your bathroom, you may want to search for a claw that is from a lion or another strong animal like the one pictured above. The tub pictured above shows a very unique image of a vintage bathtub with a strong presence of a clawfoot on each end of the tub. The freestanding faucet is also a big reason why the bathtub looks so good and it's our opinion that freestanding faucets work best with clawfoot tubs but more on the tub faucets later. The roll rim clawfoot tub is designed around the original design that existed between the 1940's and 1980's. These bathtubs got their name because the actual tub rests on four feet that resemble that of a claw. Among other types, the claw finishes on these tubs can either be brushed nickel, silver, polished brass or chrome, copper or cast iron. These modern and stylish tubs are easy to find but they come in different price levels. Three brands that definitely give the most value for money are Kingston Brass, Barclay Products and Giagni. They also have very pricey bathtubs but they also have more affordable tubs. The two bathtubs from Kingston Brass that give the most value for money are [Aqua Eden Serenity 67"](#) which is very affordable and [Aqua Eden 61" Safe & Anti-Slide Slipper Bathtub](#). From Barclay Products one my favorite clawfoot tubs are [Barclay Ballard Bathtub](#) and [Barclay Estelle Bathtub](#).





Slipper bathtub: This bathtub will be the right choice for you if you like tubs that have a high back. If you're interested in purchasing a tub where you can rest your head and have the support that you need on your back, then this is the perfect tub for you. A freestanding tub is a great place to lounge and it will also provide you with support. The higher the side of the bathtub is the more of a modern and unique look the bathtub will have. If you want a tub with support on both sides of the tub, then you want to possibly look into purchasing a double slipper bathtub. This is a great tub if you want to rest your head and pick your feet up at the same time or share it with that special somebody. This tubs usually come in acrylic as well as cast iron material. Both of these are great options for bathtubs. This tub can be used to not only relax in but you can bathe and read as well.





Pedestal Tubs: To add a touch more refined, add a pedestal tub to your home. It sits directly on the base, sometimes on a plinth of stone or directly on the floor. It is able to suit both long and narrow or short and deep bathtubs. A pedestal tub can help elevate the tub higher if you need a tub with easier access. Each pedestal tub comes with a manual on how everything is done in order to provide the most secure setting for your tub. These tubs come in two different options. One tub has drillings and the other does not. The tub that has drillings basically has a border on the bottom of the tub to seal the overall design. This design not only looks clean and modern, but it also ensures stabilization of the tub. This design makes the tub look very 21st century while still adding in vintage tones. Another option that comes with pedestal and many other tubs is the option to have a handheld shower head incorporated into the tub design. This is a great option for those who want to have a great deal of water pressure when it's time to rinse off in the tub!





Freestanding whirlpool or air bubble bathtub: What's better than a whirlpool? Whirlpool tubs provide great comfort and relaxation. If you're looking for something luxurious but also something that will allow you to relax as if you're at the spa, you definitely want to look into a whirlpool tub. A whirlpool tub is meant for someone who thoroughly enjoys relaxing. These tubs are high end and come with air massage and water massage features as well as a hydrotherapy options. These tubs mimic the features of a hot tub and provide the same features while allowing you to bathe at the same time as opposed to a hot tub that involves chemicals and is usually outdoor. You can relax and have a massage all while in the comfort of your own bathroom. These tubs are meant for those who need a daily massage or simply want one to ensure the most effective forms of relaxation possible. Hydrotherapy is a great option for athletes, individuals who are very active, for those who may hold a great deal of tension in their both and need the jets to help relax their muscles or simply for those who enjoy a massage. Why not mix the feeling of a massage with the warmth and soothing feeling of being in the bathtub al while in the comfort of your own home instead of having to go out and buy a massage elsewhere. One of our favorite air bubble freestanding tubs is [EAGO AM2140 Air Bubble Bathtub](#). If you're interested



into something that's more high-end than I would definitely recommend [EAGO AM151-R Acrylic Whirlpool Tub](#).

So, as you design your bathroom, you can go two directions. You can either pick the tub of your dreams, the freestanding tub that will make the room stand out, the tub that will define your goal of a high-end bathroom. Pick the tub first and make the room match this feature element. Or you can plan your bathroom with a certain style in mind. You can work with the existing materials and color scheme and style, and there will be a freestanding tub to match your design. If you want ultra-modern, you can choose a freestanding air bubble bathtub. If you're more familiar with the rustic farmhouse look, a clawfoot or hammered copper tub would really stand out.



Materials

Along with the different shapes and sizes, the bathtubs also come in different materials but the two main ones are acrylic and cast iron. Both of these options are beautiful and high quality materials and will last for years and years on end.



[Kingston Brass Aqua Eden Acrylic Tub 59"](#)

Acrylic: This is a common choice that helps with whatever you want the bathroom to be. If you're seeking the ultra-modern look, than you can't go wrong with an acrylic tub. They are easy to find, easy to install, and come in a wide variety of styles to suit what you choose. Acrylic is definitely the most popular and above is one of the best-selling Kingston Brass bathtubs and one of our favorites. The acrylic material usually comes in clean, modern looking white or it may come with aged, chrome exterior. Structural composite used between the acrylic layers provides strength, rigidity and superior heat retention. The only thing you'll really have to choose here is



what type of look you're going for. If you want your bathroom to resemble that of a modern and innovative bathroom then you may want to go with the white acrylic. If you want to go the vintage route then you may want to choose the acrylic with the chrome exterior. Both are great options that you'll be incredibly pleased with.

Here's another beautiful pedestal acrylic tub by Barclay: [Montebello Premium Acrylic Tub](#).

If you would like to see all the acrylic tubs we have available [click here](#).



Cast iron: This is another option to go for. Most suited to the restored look, these bathtubs are sturdy and easy to install wherever you need them. They often come with clawfoot stands to build on that older style. Cast iron tubs are wonderful because they offer a high quality material that will last for generations. Above is the [Barclay Aristo](#) cast iron tub. Cast iron tubs are meant to last for a very long period of time and they're able to maintain its structure, look and comfort



over the years. The cast iron tubs are meant to last through any type of damage. They are strong and sturdy tubs that will not only last you for years but they will provide a great deal of comfort as well. Remember, just because a tub is strong and sturdy doesn't necessarily mean that it won't be comfortable because it absolutely will be.

If you're interest in the cast iron tubs [click here.](#)

These are the two main materials but you can also go with copper, wooden, or vacuum treated solid surface material bathtubs. Hammered copper tubs are exceptionally bold and they make a strong statement about your bathroom. They come in a wide variety of styles as well, and they are easy to maintain. They might suit those wishing to replicate something they've seen overseas such as the Japanese soaking tubs or a rustic English tub look. A wooden bathtub is another great choice. One of the best brands to go for is Alfi Brand – they offer elegant, organic and unique bathtubs that are a great addition to any existing bathroom décor.

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Brands to Choose From

If you are looking for the highest quality freestanding tubs for a reasonable price, you want to look into the following brands. Barclay Products, Kohler, Kingston Brass, Wyndham Collection, ALFI, A&E Bath and Shower and Giagni. If you're interested in copper bathtubs one of the best brands are Premier Copper Pro and Barclay Products. If you're interested in wooden freestanding tubs ALFI brand is definitely the best choice. For the bathtub faucets two obvious brands are Hansgrohe and Kingston Brass. All of the brands mentioned are one of the best brands in the industry that are known for their supreme quality.

It's important to make sure that you're getting the most of out what you pay for your tub and the best way to do that is to make the best choice on the brand that you choose from. We work very hard to ensure the best prices online and to work with the highest quality brands in the industry that offer affordable yet high quality products. We offer a **Best Price Match guarantee** on most of our products so you can be sure you're getting the best price possible. If you find a cheaper bathtub simply let us know and we'll match the price and we'll throw in an additional surprise gift. You can read more about our Best Price Match Policy on our [Why Shop With Us](#) section.



[Dorya Clawfoot Tub Package by A&E Bath and Shower.](#)



Tub Faucets

Of course, as you make your selections, you also need to consider the faucet as well. There's no point selecting this beautiful artwork that accentuates your bathroom without planning to use a faucet that matches. You can get overwhelmed by the choice here as well. The faucets need to work with what you need as well. There's no point getting a high-end, sleek faucet with an older style cast iron clawfoot tub. Match your faucet to your design.

Choose a faucet that matches your tub first. Go modern with modern, or classic with classic. Depending on where in the room you want to be, choose a rim mounted faucet, or a wall mounted faucet, or even a freestanding faucet that isn't attached to the tub at all. You can select different options such as having a separate hand-held shower mount. Choose older style knobs or newer handles to match the existing house's design.

When you have made your decision on the type of tub you're going to purchase, you then want to identify the type of faucet you want to coincide with your tub. A great faucet can give a completely new dimension to the bathtub. You have to make sure you have a great tub faucet that goes along with the bathtub you want to purchase. Having a beautiful tub but a horrible looking tub faucet is a no-no. If you're not sure for which faucet you should go for here are a few of the best-selling tub faucets which we love that can be used with cast iron or acrylic tubs.



[Barclay Clawfoot Tub Filler With Cross or Lever Handle](#)





[Barclay Clawfoot Tub Filler With Code Gooseneck Spout](#)



[Kingston Brass Concord Floor Mount Tub Filler.](#)

Shipping & Installation

We offer free shipping on our website and we work with the best shipping companies (most of the products are shipped via UPS, USPS or FedEx) so that your products arrive safely and in the perfect condition. After you have placed an order, you will be sent an order confirmation via email. This means that we have received your order in our system and pre-authorized your credit card for the purchase. All In-stock items will ship in 1 to 2 business days. Average ship times for in-stock items take 1-7 business days to your residence. We will send tracking information within 24 hours of your order leaving the warehouse to the e-mail address you provided at the checkout.

If you're worried about what you need to know regarding installation once you purchase the item, rest assured that every tub comes with an easy to follow instruction manual. We want to make sure that you know exactly how the tub functions and how to install the item properly. Remember that installation can either be done on your own or you can hire someone to quickly come out and install the tub for you. If you're looking at hiring someone to do the installation for you, you want to remember to tell them that you'll also need plumbing installed as well. You may be able to find a plumber that will be able to not only install the tub but that will be able to install all the necessary plumbing features as well. There are many different hiring services you can choose from. If you're on the East Coast, you may want to check out East Coast Plumbers. They offer a wide variety of plumbing service and will be able to assist you with this type of a project. If you're on the West Coast, there are plenty of plumbing services you can choose from as well. On the West Coast, plumbing services can be provided by Goodall Plumbing services, EZ Flow plumbing or Roto Rooter. If you're in Central America, you can choose from plumbers such as Midway plumbing and Clarke Kent plumbing. As you can see, there are many different options to choose from when it comes to plumbing. It may be best to do this the same day that your tub comes in. You don't want to wait to hook up your plumbing once you have your tub



delivered because once it's there and in your bathroom, you're going to want to use your bathtub right away. Scheduling the plumber to come out the day it's delivered is the best option and will have you soaking in no time!



FAQ

Shipping & Return

Q: How long will it take for my order to ship?

All In-stock items will ship in **1 to 2 business days** . Average ship times for in-stock items take **1-7 business days** to your residence. We will send tracking information within 24 hours of your order leaving the warehouse to the e-mail address you provided at the checkout. For out of stock bathtubs and faucets, the average time is **5 to 10 business days**. We offer **free shipping** on all of our products.

Q: How do I return an item?

We will happily and quickly refund or exchange any bathtubs or faucets within 30 days of delivery. Please e-mail us at info@luxuryfreestandingtubs.com so we can send you a return authorization number before the 30 days expire. Once you obtain the number and the shipping address please be sure that RA# is noted on the outside package, on the attention line of the shipping label. Once your return is received and inspected, we will send you an email to notify you that we have received your returned bathtub or tub filler and we will process the refund in the next 7 business days.



Order Placement

Q: Will I get a confirmation e-mail that my order was received?

Yes. After you have placed an order, you will be sent an order confirmation via email. This means that we have received your order in our system and pre-authorized your credit card for the purchase. Once your order has shipped, you will receive a shipped confirmation as well.

Q: Can I change or cancel my order?

All in stock items and accessories can be cancelled at no charge. For the backorder tub and a tub filler it can be cancelled but no refund will be issued. If your order has shipped then you must follow the [refund policy](#).

Q: How do I check my order status?

You can find the tracking information in our shipping confirmation e-mail.

Q: Do you charge sales tax?

No, we do not. All the charges on our freestanding bathtubs and tub fillers are non-taxable. Sales tax only applies to Wyoming residents. A 4% sales tax is automatically added to only order placed in Wyoming.



Why Shop With Us?

We Price Match

If you find an online store that offers a lower price than we do simply let us know and **we'll match the price!** Additionally, if within three months of purchase, you find an online store that offers the item in question at a lower price than we do, please let us know and we will refund your original payment for the difference and we'll also **give you \$100!**

Free Shipping & No Sales Tax

Since customer satisfaction is our main priority, it's very important for us to provide you with **the best possible prices.** That is why we offer **free shipping and no sales tax** on all of our bathtubs and tub faucets. Sales tax applies only to the residents from Wyoming – 4%.

Money Back Guarantee

We are so confident in our products and services that if you are not 100% satisfied with your purchase, you can simply issue a refund within 30 days, and we will politely refund your money with our **simple and quick refund process.** We'll always make sure we include a **free manufacturer's warranty** as well.

We Care

We believe shopping experience should be pleasurable, safe and personal. We believe that in this age of automation and huge retailers, caring for your customers has never been more important. As a company that has been around for more than 5 years, we have **satisfied well over 4,000 happy customers and counting.** We will take care of you after the purchase if you'll have any questions or if you'll simply need any advice on bathroom design. If you need any help don't hesitate to contact us via live chat, phone or e-mail.





Conclusion

I hope that you enjoyed this guide and that you have all the information you need to confidently buy a freestanding bathtub that suits your needs. It's time to take action and find your perfect bathtub! For many people, a high-end bathroom is about calm, peace, and beauty. They feel energized in this space. They feel excited by the décor, and they never forget the experience of a high-end bathroom. It truly is the best room in the home, and it's a shame that so many don't appreciate the room enough to elevate it to better standards. It truly doesn't take much to transform a quiet and dreary room into a piece of art that you get to privately enjoy every day.

All of the brands listed earlier offer great warranty's, are known for their great customer service skills and are also known for providing the highest quality of tubs. Always feel free to contact us after the purchase as well and we'll do our best to help you as much as we can. Customer's satisfaction is something that we take very seriously and we pride ourselves in offering great customer support. Not only do we want you to get the most for your money but we also want to make sure that you feel like you made a good decision and that you were well taken care of while you were shopping with us. If you make a purchase with us, no matter the cost, size or brand of the item purchased, if you're not 100% happy with the product for any reason, we offer a 30 day easy money back guarantee. Contact us and we'll politely refund your money. We understand that purchasing something as important as a tub is a purchase that you want to be happy about!

We hope this guide helped you to make the best decision for your bathroom. If you have any other questions don't hesitate to [contact us](#). Visit us on our website [Luxury Freestanding Tubs](#).

Good Luck!

