Home Zone: Climb on in ... the water's warm

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It seems what is old is new again.

With this in mind, Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath recently unveiled the Era Collection, a series of free-standing soaking tubs inspired by those from the 19th century.

Start with the Slipper and Roll-Top Double-Ended styles. These romantic and charming tubs are available with two options for feet - a ball and claw or Edwardian style. The selection of finishes includes white, chrome, brushed nickel or polished brass.

There is also the Roll-Top Double-Ended Pedestal edition and the Roll-Top Double-Ended in a Wood Frame.

ELEGANCE - Vintage meets 21st century as Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath has added a soaker tub to its Era Collection. Included is this Rolled-Top Double-Edged tub. CNS Photo courtesy of Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath.

DAMASK - Graham & Brown, a U.K.-based home dÃ©cor company, has introduced its first collection by an American designer. The Damask design is one of four groups featured in the 'thomaspaul' hand-painted canvases collection. CNS Photo courtesy of Graham & Brown.

Also ensuring design integrity are the faucets that pair with these tubs. The Era faucets include a floor-mount tub filler with hand-held shower spray and a wall-mount version. Made of brass, they are available in a finish choice of chrome, brushed nickel or polished brass.

"The mission of Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath is to provide consumers with an incomparable home luxury experience," said Phil Weeks, president of the Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath division.

"And, this translates to extending our product offering beyond the jetted and air tubs that are the gold

standard of the category," he said. "I think several of the newcomers in our lineup are unexpected but fulfill this commitment and are keenly responsive to consumer desires for a getaway-style bathroom in their own home."

WALK-IN DELIGHT

In keeping with the maturing baby-boomer generation, Jacuzzi has developed the Finestra Walk-In Bath.

The luxurious Finestra incorporates every hydrotherapy treat in the Jacuzzi repertoire. It is available equipped with 10 high-powered jets to deliver pulsating, massaging action to help relieve aching muscles and tension. It can also be specified as a PureAir model that emits thousands of fine, warm bubbles to envelop the body in a soothing sensation.

Can't decide? A third option is the Salon Spa version, which combines the whirlpool jets and the air bath system, representing the best of both worlds.

If you're not up to swirling water, the Finestra is also available as a soaker.

All but the soaker feature easy-to-operate electronic touchpad controls, chromatherapy mood lighting and in-line heating.

Two sizes are available - 60 by 30 inches or 60 by 36 inches. Both are 33 1/4 inches tall. The molded interior seat can be ordered either 14 or 17 inches tall; the shorter height allows a person to sit deeper in the water.

There is a handrail to assist with getting in and out, and the door can be a left- or right-hinged installation.

For more information, call 800-288-4002 or visit www.jacuzzi.com.

JAZZ UP YOUR WALLS

No need to cover your whole wall to add a new look.

Graham & Brown, a United Kingdom-based wallcovering and home decor company, has announced its first collection by an American designer - thomaspaul Hand-Painted Canvases.

"The collection fills a void in the growing wall decor category," said David Klaus, senior marketing manager for Graham & Brown. "There currently are not many companies filling the need for affordable, high-quality wall decor for the contemporary market."

The thomaspaul wall canvases have been designed to complement the existing range of thomaspaul pillows and to coordinate with the introduction of thomaspaul rug and stationery collections.

The canvases are divided into four groups (Silhouettes, Aviary, Damask and Parasols) to fit a variety of interior schemes. Each group contains three or four designs rendered on 20-by-20-inch canvases with a heavy wood frame.

The designs in each group feature contemporary patterns updated from traditional motifs and are made so they can be hung alone or in a group. They retail for $90.

For more information, call 800-554-0887 or visit www.grahambrown.com and www.thomaspaul.com.

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