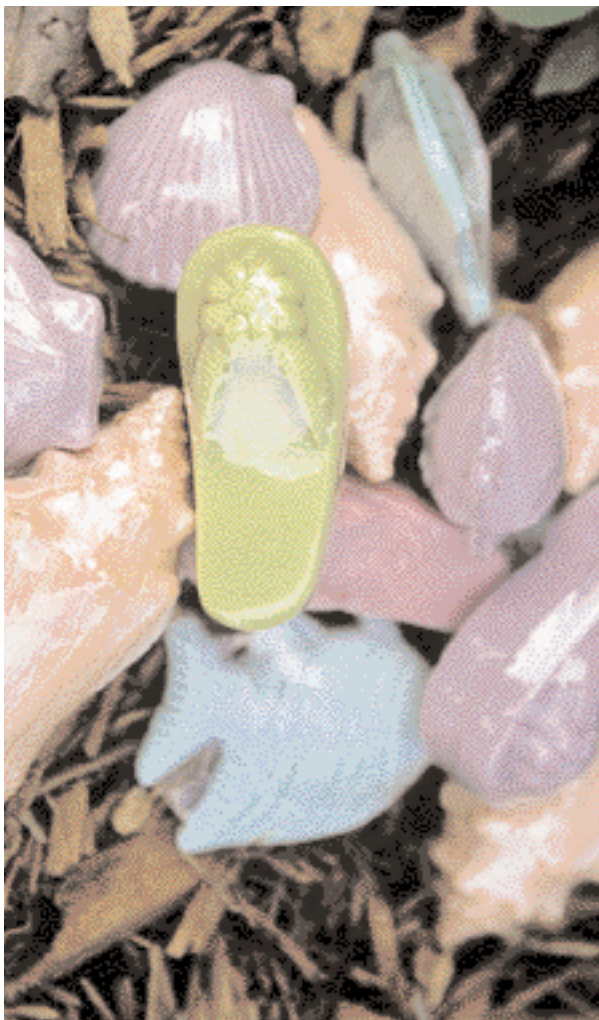


# Primp Up Your Powder Room

Dressing up your bathroom can be just as much fun, if not more, than the rest of the house. The availability of accessories is plentiful, so it's simple to decorate to suit any style.

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## SOAPS TO SEA

Nestled among the tools, house necessities, and all else at **Bailey's General Store** lies a collection of decorative soaps just waiting for a home in an attractive dish or bowl. Choose from pink conchs, green angelfish, blue periwinkles, and flip-flops (yes, sandals) in varying colors and styles. *Bailey's General Store, 2477 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island, 239/472-1516, www.baileys-sanibel.com*



## MARINE THEME

Bright, tropical fish decorate a complete bathroom set by Kay Dee Designs. Set against clear plastic, schools of fish in vibrant hues of orange, blue, purple, and other colors swim obediently in line. The set, found at **Sporty Seahorse**, includes soap dish and dispenser, tissue-box cover, toothbrush holder, shower curtain rings, and matching hand towel. A duck-shaped towel holder offsets the fish theme.

Other offerings include dolphin-shaped bath brushes in several pastel shades, attractive soap bars featuring photo-quality images of beach and underwater scenes, and sea-themed soaps in various shapes including dolphins, starfish, sailboats, and seahorses. Mini bath sets can be found in textured ceramic as well as pink and blue ceramic sets. *Sporty Seahorse, 362 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island, 239/472-1858.*



## UNCOMMON SCENTS

Get within twenty feet of **Escentials** and you'll know you've found it. Concentrating mainly on the skin- and hair-care end of bathroom necessities, the shop's mélange of scents greets customers as they enter. Unique packaging creates attractive displays. Accessories that complement the assortment of hair- and skin-care products include large, flower-shaped sponges to handmade, fused-glass soap dishes created by local artist Judy Collette. Classy shaving sets feature razor and brush holders with accompanying shave cream and after-shave soother. People on the go will appreciate a squeeze-and-shave travel razor; the razor is attached to the end of a travel-size tube of shaving cream. *Escentials, The Village Shops, 239/472-7770, www.escentialsonline.com*

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## GREAT FOR GIFTS

**Valhalla** in Periwinkle Place offers a white ceramic set for the sink area with a seashell motif that includes toothbrush holder, cup, soap dispenser, and dish. Dolphin aficionados will appreciate the blue glycerin bars of soap. The soap is simple enough, except for the rubber dolphin diving in the center, its tail protruding above the surface. Complete the dolphin theme with an exquisitely painted comb and brush set featuring dolphin-shaped handles.

Valhalla also offers such "heavenly gifts" as Neptune Foam Bath, whose unique packaging makes it look strictly decorative. Encased in test tube-shaped packaging, it has a small metallic-looking seahorse hanging from the corked top. Peer inside the tube and view a miniature underwater scene complete with sea vegetation and miniature shells. *Valhalla, 2075 Periwinkle Place, Sanibel, 239/472-2795*

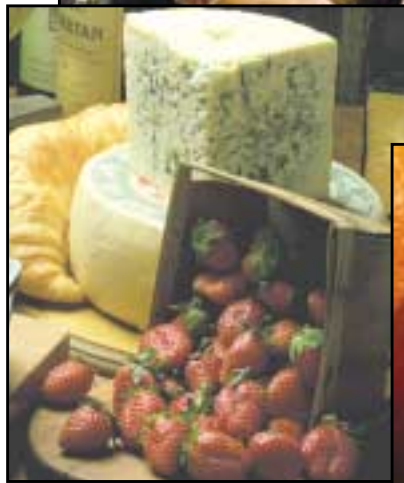


## CUSTOM DESIGNS

If it's too hard to find the perfect bathroom accessories, you can have them made to order. A sample of custom designs by Mark & Ally of New York can be found at **Bonne Nuit Fine Linen**. Delicately crafted glass sets, adorned in an ornate, antique gold trim, are available in close to thirty colors. Whether you want a complete set or just a couple of items, all are fashioned to your specifications.

Other fine, handmade choices can be found here as well. Several shades and patterns of marble used for bathroom accessories include river rock, yellow sienna, and Aztec sand. In contrast, a set made of eggshell features a dispenser, soap dish, and cotton-ball jar, all of which sit on a rectangular tray. *Bonne Nuit Fine Linen, The Promenade at Bonita Bay, Bonita Springs, 239/949-4646*

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