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This dramatic resin sink transforms the repetitive necessities of life into a real pleasure.

The Pacific Coast views from this Los Angeles hillside apartment were so good that architect Steven Shortridge of Callas Shortridge Architects was loath to block them, so instead of plasterboard and medicine cabinets for the master bathroom, he specified floor-to-ceiling windows and floating mirrors. That would have been invention enough, but Shortridge dreams in color, and his stunning counter-and-sink combo—made from molded resin—has all the artful minimalism of a Donald Judd sculpture. The color was inspired, appropriately enough, by a bar of Neutrogena soap.

The 450-pound unit—which measures 20 inches deep by 8 inches high by almost 12 feet long—is cantilevered out from the window frame on thick steel rods. The actual plumbing runs laterally in a hidden groove in the underside of the sink. The sanded and buffed “glass-smooth finish” of the sink’s interior prevents staining. The rest of the piece is lightly textured for a matte finish and sealed with Mar Matt, a water-based urethane coating, to protect against scratching. The cost of such functional art: approximately \$20,000. —Megan O’Neill. See Resources, last pages.