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# Cooking up Sustainability

Manufacturers introduce kitchen products that combine performance, aesthetics and green design elements

The kitchen is the hardest-working room in the house. It also uses the most resources: electricity from appliances, water for cooking and cleaning, plus all of the materials sourced for flooring, cabinetry and countertops, along with the waste produced.

"While the desire for sustainability may not actively drive consumer decisions about their kitchens, if given the choice to be a little more sustainable without having to compromise quality, consumers will take it," said Joshua Aurigemma, LED product designer at Barn Light Electric.

Manufacturers continue to invest heavily in products that integrate performance, appearance and sustainability to ensure that going green in the kitchen isn't an either/or proposition for their customers.

"You can now find cabinetry makers, tile and countertop manufacturers, lighting companies and others who have made a commitment to be stewards of our planet," said Rose Dostal, ASID, an interior designer in Hudson, Ohio.

*Top:* For its latest energy-saving induction cooktop program, Viking worked alongside **Schott** to incorporate CERAN CLEARTRANS for induction, a transparent glass ceramic that allows for unique lighting solutions and color displays. Combinations of decorative paint on the top and bottom of the cooking panel help create 3D effects as well as add texture to the cooking surface. **Circle No. 212 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

*Middle:* The LED Guard & Glass collection of rustic jelly jar-style fixtures from **Barn Light Electric** uses an LED light source that offers 50,000 hours of service. The bulb, which is pre-installed and tightly integrated into the fixture, also has an output of 1,600 lumens, comparable to a 100-watt incandescent bulb. **Circle No. 213 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

*Bottom:* The Amethystos selection from **Vetrazzo's** limited-edition Coastal collection features purple-hued cranberry glass that was diverted from a landfill. Additional materials that compose the countertop include oyster shells from the South Carolina coast and bits of marble that are byproducts of the manufacturing process from Vetrazzo's sister company Georgia Marble. **Circle No. 214 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



## Appliance Smarts

Dostal noted that appliance makers were early adopters of sustainability, largely because of the criteria set forth by the EPA when it established Energy Star certification. The label ensures that appliances are 20 percent more efficient than the federal minimum energy standard. Beyond these guidelines, appliance manufacturers continue to improve upon energy output and green manufacturing processes.

"Sustainable and eco-friendly appliances are becoming a substantial industry trend as consumers seek to save money and energy and address climate change," said John Taylor, vice president of public affairs and communications for LG Electronics USA. "Our research shows consumers today are interested in appliances that are not only stylish and convenient but provide the benefit of energy savings as well."

For its refrigerators, LG has developed energy-saving technologies such as the linear compressor, which helps ensure a more consistent temperature, and Door-in-Door, a magnetically sealed outer door that offers consumers access to frequently used items without opening the entire refrigerator, reducing cold air loss by up to 47 percent.

Taylor added that most LG home appliances are Energy Star certified, including the Super-Capacity French-Door Refrigerator. Its thin-foam insulation contributes to overall energy efficiency, enhanced by other eco-friendly features such as a reduction of water, waste and energy during production processes. The refrigerator also is equipped with a streamlined ice-making system inside the door known as SlimSpace Plus and LG's Smart Cooling Plus system, which helps keep food fresher longer.

Additionally, LG smart appliances are ready for the smart grid, "further advancing their environmental sustainability by ultimately allowing energy monitoring and adjusting appliance usage to off-peak energy-rate time periods," said Taylor.

Dishwashing technology over the last decade has enabled a reduction in both water and energy use while addressing consumer pain points such as cleaning and drying, according to Dave Coll, product line manager, dish care, at Electrolux Appliances. Other upgrades include quieter operation, smooth-touch controls, orbit spray arms and multiple wash zones.

## Sustainable Surfaces

Manufacturers of countertops, cabinets and flooring are finding new ways to produce surfaces that respect the environment while meeting consumers' demands. Design remains at the top of that list as homeowners seek high-end aesthetics on a budget, said Gerri Chmiel, senior design manager for Formica Corporation. They also want their countertops to stay looking new in the long haul with little maintenance required.

Some consumers may not explicitly ask for eco-friendly materials in their kitchens, but they still reap the benefits. "Sustainable products give our customers peace of mind knowing that they are being environmentally responsible with the materials they include in their homes," noted Chmiel.

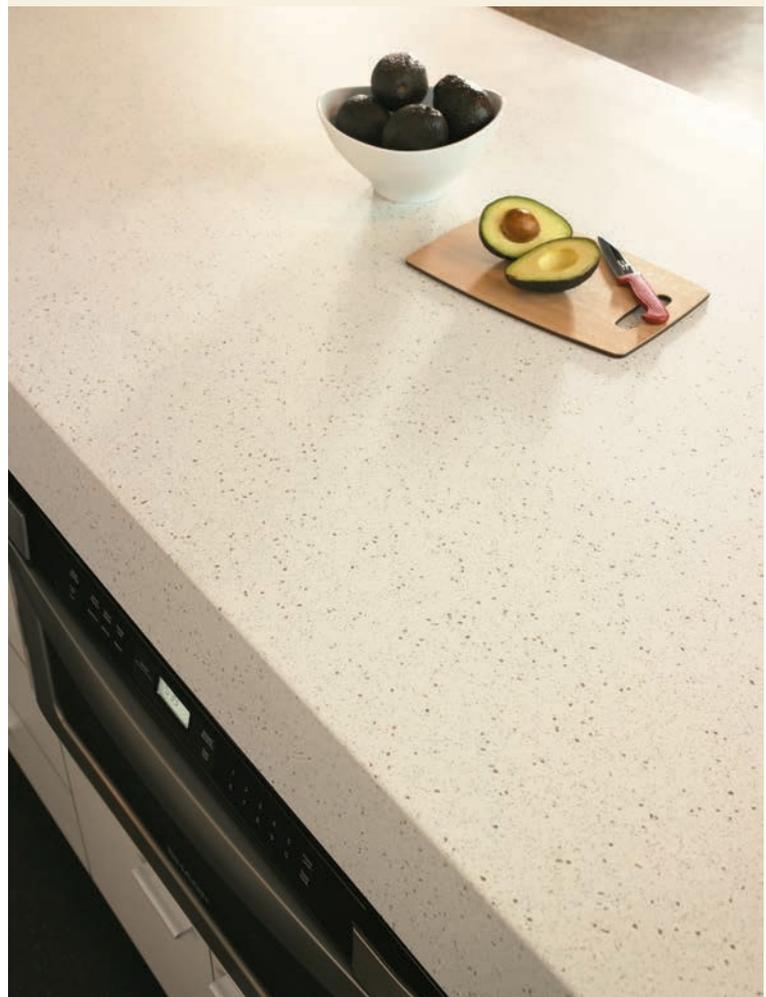
As homeowners' needs for sustainable purchases evolve, Formica "has been making great progress in recent years to ensure we are a mainstay supplier of environmentally friendly servicing materials that appeal to homeowners and commercial architects, designers and builders," said Kate Fortlage, residential senior marketing manager at Formica.

To that end, Formica recently introduced e Series Solid Surfacing, which the company touts as the first major-branded, solid-surfacing material to



Made from environmentally friendly recycled aluminum, **Du Verre Hardware's** knobs and pulls are crafted by renowned designers and are compatible with LEED objectives. Shown here are Scot Laughton Series 3 and Forged 2 by Heinz Pfleger in oil-rubbed bronze. **Circle No. 215 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

**Formica's** e Series Solid Surfacing contains 15 percent total recycled content from sources such as reclaimed solid surfacing and Styrofoam cups and packaging. The heat- and stain-resistant material features color that goes through the surface for a renewable finish. Five available patterns include e Natural, a warm neutral with brown particulates that partners well with golden-tone woods. **Circle No. 216 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

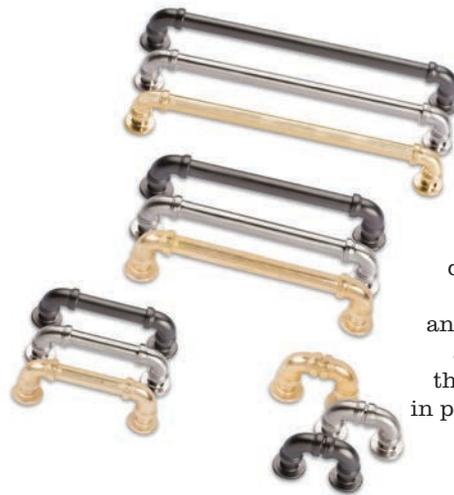


# What's Hot in *Kitchen Ranges and Ventilation and Decorative Bathroom Hardware*



**Fagor's** stainless steel, European-style range collection runs on both natural gas and liquefied petroleum and can be seamlessly installed flush to the kitchen cabinetry or placed freestanding. The ranges are designed with a European convection fan system, a built-in rotisserie feature and cast-iron grates. They are available in a 24- and 36-in. option, operate on only 15 amps of power, offer seven pre-set cooking programs and are built with three layers of insulated glass for safety. **Circle No. 222 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

The InNOVA collection from **Streamline Hoods** is crafted with DuPont Corian and is offered in four models of wall and island hoods, including, ONNA, pictured. Available in white and black, several models include a built-in backsplash to match or complement the countertop. The collection was created by Serra de la Rocha and is efficient and environmentally friendly. **Circle No. 221 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



The Steam Punk Collection of pulls and handles from **Atlas Homewares** is a mix of Victorian-inspired retro and mechanical chic with its liberal use of metal and interesting textures. The collection is offered in a variety of sizes ranging from 34 to 192 mm and was designed to look like industrial plumbing fixtures. It is available in brushed nickel and two new options: Graphite, a rich gray, and Vintage Brass, an unlacquered brass that never requires maintenance. It ranges in price from \$7.90 to \$16.90. **Circle No. 223 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



**EuroChef USA's** ILVE Majestic Collection features Techno Trim Options, such as sleek knobs, handles and legs in a variety of sizes from 30 to 60 inches. The collection is available in seven colors, including true white, matte graphite, emerald green, antique white, burgundy, midnight blue and stainless steel, as well as with multiple cooktop configurations. All gas options are now available in the 30- and 36-in. sizes, along with the standard dual-fuel option. Photo Credit: Jamie Salomon **Circle No. 224 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



**Berenson's** Studio Collection of stainless steel pulls places an emphasis on larger pull sizes. The collection is available in several sizes from center to center, including 128, 160, 192, 224, 256, 288 and 576 mm. **Circle No. 225 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

# What's Cool *Everywhere Else*



The Azore outdoor shower from **Oborain** is made from an architectural-grade aluminum frame with 3Form's Chroma translucent resin panels made from 38 percent recycled content. The panels can be powdercoated in almost any color to match any environment. The durable, low-maintenance shower can be easily modified for accessibility, and in the sunlight the panels glow, while an ash deck and single wood slat hold the unit. The unit shown retails for \$8,195. **Circle No. 240 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



**Isenberg** has launched a new line of universal pressure balance valves and trims. Product features include a two-way, CAL Green-compliant diverter with off functionality and brass trim designed to match various collections. It is available in chrome and brushed nickel finishes and is plumber proof – it works the same way even if the plumber swaps the showerhead/tub spout (or hand-held) output lines. **Circle No. 241 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

Designer **John McGuire** designed a variety of vanities out of reclaimed barn wood, hickory, oak and poplar for Colleen Brand of Fresh Spaces Interiors. The drawer fronts, legs and side panels were fabricated out of reclaimed wood, and the cabinet carcasses with drawer boxes were bought in unfinished oak from Showplace Custom Cabinetry. The designer flamed and stained the oak frames with a pretreatment to approximate the barn wood color and texture. **Circle No. 243 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



The new Atelier Series from **THG Paris** features a selection of new and existing lines at new price levels. New to the series are the contemporary Anoa and Nano (pictured) faucets. Nano offers a minimalistic brass design and is available in more than 25 finishes, as well as specialty finishes. It is offered with two spout designs – angled or curved – as well as a selection of cross handles or lever handles. **Circle No. 242 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



**SieMatic's** aluminum interior accessories system for the kitchen drawer has been recently introduced to the U.S. The system is customizable with such features as an in-drawer, angled knife block; a king-size compartment with 50 percent more storage-space height; integrated USB connection; and GripDeck anti-slip inserts for heavier items, such as pots, which were developed on the principles of a yacht deck. The idea is to keep everything in its place with innovative aluminum inserts, which allow compartment configuration adjustments, integrated with non-slip surface technology. **Circle No. 244 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

# Think Tank

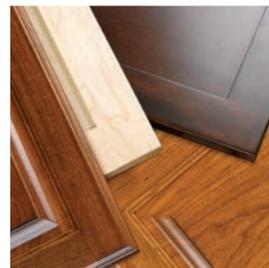


MTI's one-piece pedestal tub – the Laney – is available as both a freestanding and a drop-in model. It features a curved rim and clean lines, is cast of durable acrylic and fits any décor – from contemporary to vintage. It comes standard as a soaking tub or may be ordered as an air bath and features a full range of therapy options, including Chromatherapy, Stereo H2O and Radiance – a heating system that warms the interior shell of the tub. Customizable options are also available. **Circle No. 245 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

Decolav recently debuted its exclusive collection with Matt Muenster, host of the DIY Network's "Bath Crashers." The line features seven suites of uniquely designed bathroom furnishings, including Bennett, a bath suite featuring a quartz countertop, integrated lavatory and towel bar, large open storage shelf and a vertical drawer. The suite also offers a mirrored cabinet and optional side-mounted towel bars and is available in three wood finishes. **Circle No. 246 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



Conestoga Wood Specialties has partnered with Sherwin-Williams to offer a formaldehyde-free finish option called DuraPure. Available in Conestoga's palette of wiping stains, Truetones and glazes, DuraPure sealers and topcoats have achieved Greenguard Indoor Air Quality Certification, exceeded KCMA testing requirements and met the Federal HAPS rule for wood finishes. **Circle No. 247 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



The LITE-C1 Foot Basin by Klafs can be easily installed anywhere in a bathroom spa – its base frame and basin rim tap are hooked up to the floor drain, and a new type of click system allows the basin to be easily installed in the frame. After a cool-down, the footbath promotes the affects of the sauna, helping the body reach its normal temperature. **Circle No. 248 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**

The VOLA faucet from Hastings Tile & Bath is available in single-lever, deck-mounted, wall-mounted or electronic (hands free) models. The single-lever model is offered in chrome, brushed chrome and stainless steel finishes and in 15 vibrant colors. Shown is a deck-mounted, one-handle kitchen set. **Circle No. 249 or visit [kbbonline.com/freeinfo](http://kbbonline.com/freeinfo)**



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