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## 2. DEVIL IN THE DETAILS

Dressed up with fresh details, these cabinets offer a contemporary twist and cottage feel to time-honored Georgian design. Two types of cabinet construction are available; one type comes with standard or custom hand-rubbed finishes. **Georgian Cottage cabinets**; Plain & Fancy; 800/447-9006; [plainfancycabinetry.com](http://plainfancycabinetry.com)

## 3. MIX AND MATCH

Rich hues, furniturelike elements, door inset details—this new cabinet collection offers the individuality and quality homeowners have come to expect in the bathroom. For the finishing touch, mirrors and accessories come to match. **Parkdale vanity**; Sagehill Designs; 800/888-6533; [sagehilldesigns.com](http://sagehilldesigns.com)



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## 4. ALL IN A PACKAGE

Semicustom cabinets include a host of new options: four new door mullion styles; expanded sizes for wall, tall, and base cabinets; new vanity sizes and combinations; more decorative features; and additional organizational accessories. **Masterpiece Line Fairlane Maple**, Merillat; [merillat.com](http://merillat.com)

## 5. VISION IN RED

This vanity is built for minimal impact but with an eye toward permanence. Crafted of Forest Stewardship Council hardwoods, each piece is finished for beauty and durability and resists household chemicals and moist surroundings. **Traditional vanity TNVT**; MTI Whirlpools; 800/783-8827; [mtiwhirlpools.com](http://mtiwhirlpools.com)



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**CLEAN-LINED AND COOL**, contemporary cabinets nonetheless are practical, too. The range of cabinet offerings in today's marketplace provides more modern-design-minded homeowners the opportunity to get the streamlined style they love and have practical pieces in the kitchen and bath, too.



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### 1. SIMPLE IS AS SIMPLE DOES

Elegance and value combine in this simple collection. Dress up the flat-panel doors and plantation hardwood graining (available in five finishes) with distinctive hardware. **Calibra collection**; Armstrong; 800/228-1804; [armstrong.com](http://armstrong.com)

### 2. COOL AND COLLECTED

Stripes, curves, and customizable designs adorn the cool, crisp doors of these durable, rust-resistant stainless-steel cabinets. **Tuxedo collection**; Lasertron Direct; 954/846-0226; [lasertrondirect.com](http://lasertrondirect.com)

### 3. EURO APPEAL

With a thoroughly modern design for contemporary rooms, this collection's rounded corners and mix-and-match modular options have won awards. **Versatile collection**; Sonia; 888/766-4287; [sonia-sa.com](http://sonia-sa.com)

### 4. ANGLES AND LINES

A rich finish, finger-pull hardware, and flared brushed-steel legs are just a few of the details on this finely crafted collection. **Concorde collection**; Fairmont Designs; 714/670-1171; [fairmontdesigns.com](http://fairmontdesigns.com)

### 5. WOOD WALK

A unique material—olive tree wood—creates sleekly styled cabinets with wavy grains. **Olive Tree Wood collection**; Allmilmö; 201/820-4540; [allmilmoe.de](http://allmilmoe.de)

### 6. SLIM STORAGE

With a mirror backdrop and interior light on the top and an extra door shelf on the bottom, this skinny shelving unit turns a narrow spot into extra storage. **Matthew tower**; Vanity Flair; 888/479-4108; [vanityflair.net](http://vanityflair.net)









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## 2. HARD KNOCKS

One and a half times harder than red oak, these strand bamboo countertops are prefinished and bacteria-resistant. A vertical-grain caramelized core adds visual pizzazz to this LEED-qualified work surface.

**Strand bamboo countertop/tabletop**, \$36–\$40 per square foot; Teragren; 800/929-6333; [teragren.com](http://teragren.com)

## 3. MUCH IMPROVED

The rap on concrete? Its vulnerability to acids such as wine, citrus, vinegar, and coffee. This stain-resistant version is durable and versatile but maintains concrete's distinctive texture and resists etching.

**Stainless concrete**, price varies; J. Aaron; 866/583-4200; [jaaroncaststone.com](http://jaaroncaststone.com)

## 4. SURFACE WISE

What to do with all those old toilets, sinks, and tubs? Grind them up into an easy-to-maintain, durable, eco-friendly, and beautiful countertop available in hundreds of colors.

**EnviroMode**, \$50 per square foot (per piece up to 27x84 inches); EnviroGlas; 888/523-7894; [enviromode.com](http://enviromode.com)



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## Buying Tips

While having small sections of every countertop to suit different needs would be ideal, you'll probably have to choose a main surface for your kitchen based on what you do day to day. Here's a quick guide to countertops and their best functions:

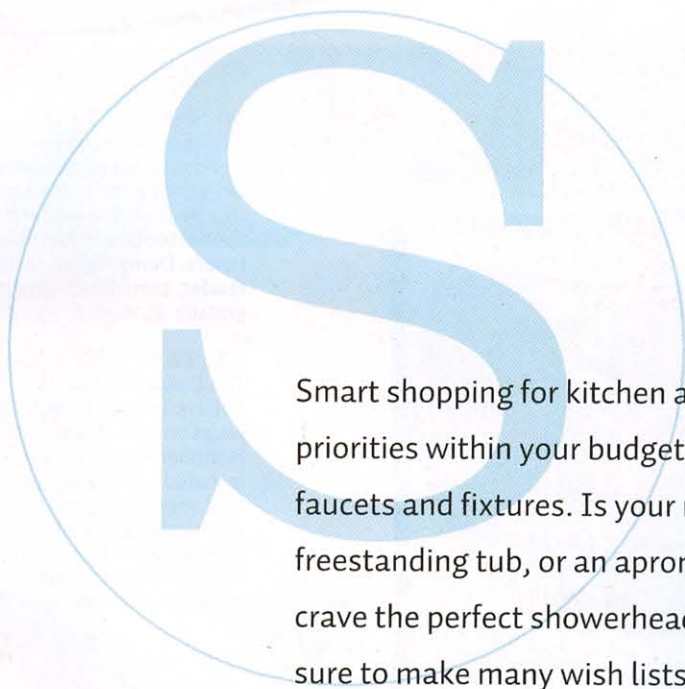
- **Marble:** A cool surface that's great for rolling out dough.
- **Laminated butcher block:** Forgiving of small cuts, it's ideal for a salad or vegetable prep area. Teak and other marine-grade species add moisture resistance.
- **Granite, quartz-surfacing, concrete, and ceramic tile:** Great near cooking areas for their resistance to heat and scorching. (Even so, use a trivet under hot pots.)
- **Stainless steel, quartz-surfacing, and solid-surfacing:** Best near the sink for moisture resistance and durability.



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# faucets & fixtures



Smart shopping for kitchen and bath products involves setting priorities within your budget, a critical process when buying faucets and fixtures. Is your must-buy a stainless-steel faucet, a freestanding tub, or an apron-front kitchen sink? Or do you simply crave the perfect showerhead? Here is a selection of new favorites sure to make many wish lists.





**BATHING BEAUTY**

Hand-welded from 4-inch-wide copper strips, this freestanding double-wall tub measures a comfy 68x35x24 inches. **Atocha**, tubs from \$7,000, call for prices; Diamond Spas; 800/951-7727; [diamondspas.com](http://diamondspas.com)



## NOTHING BEATS A BATH

for getting away from it all right at home. Whether you're building or remodeling, include a spot to soak or massage your cares away.

**1. IN DEEP**

A crescent-shaped bench in this Japanese-inspired soaker rests low to the floor for maximum immersion. The cast-acrylic tub is 53 inches in diameter and almost 36 inches deep. **Yume soaking tub**, \$4,940; MTI Whirlpools; 800/783-8827; [mtiwhirlpools.com](http://mtiwhirlpools.com)



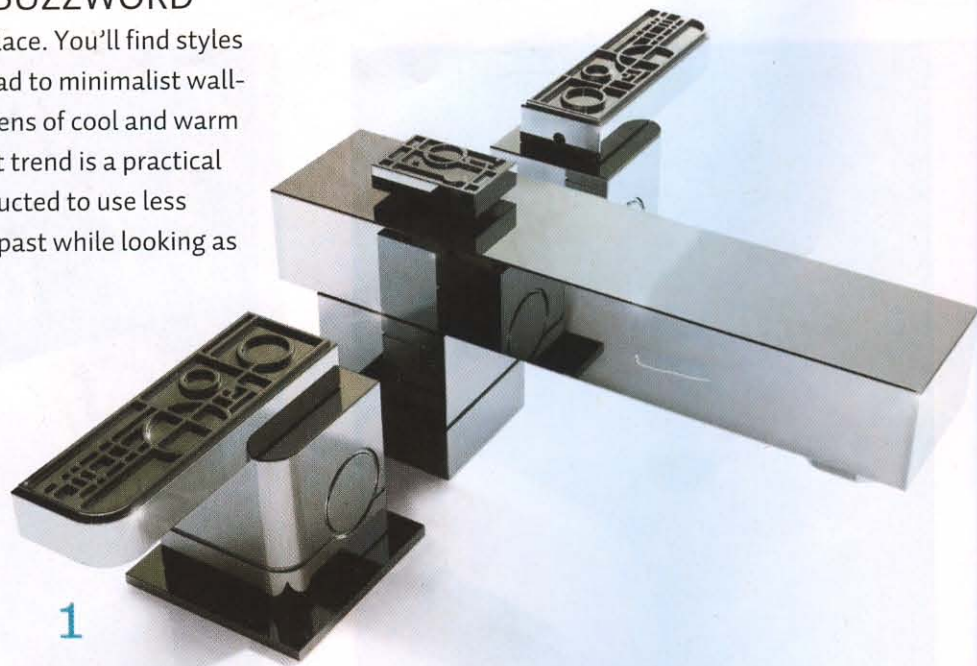
**7. CUSTOM CONCRETE**  
Handmade to order from low-maintenance stainless concrete, this farm sink measures 36.5x19x9.75 inches. Seven standard color options include Prague (shown); custom sizes and colors are also available. **Zoria 12362**, \$2,800; J. Aaron, LLC; 866/583-4200; [jaaroncaststone.com](http://jaaroncaststone.com)





## VARIETY IS THE BUZZWORD

in today's faucet marketplace. You'll find styles from traditional widespread to minimalist wall-mount and finishes in dozens of cool and warm tones. The only consistent trend is a practical one: Almost all are constructed to use less water than models of the past while looking as good as ever.



### 1. MODERN ART

The architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright inspired these handles, part of the Classic Contemporary collection. Other handles suggest the works of I. M. Pei, Philip Johnson, Frank Gehry, and Le Corbusier. **Model 96-2-CC11**, \$1,140; Watermark; 800/842-7277; [watermark-designs.com](http://watermark-designs.com)

### 2. STAND TALL

Designed for use with vessel sinks, this ceramic-cartridge model delivers only 1.5 gallons per minute. Lav, tub, and bidet models are available in chrome, nickel, and bronze finishes. **Metris C line**, from \$328; Hansgrohe; 800/334-0455; [hansgrohe-usa.com](http://hansgrohe-usa.com)



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### 8. THE DEEP END

A terraced interior distinguishes this 32x18.5-inch undermount sink of 18-gauge stainless steel. Optional accessories include a wire shelf (shown), colanders, and a cutting board. **Cascade DSGR321810** sink, \$2,889, cutting board, \$185; Elkay; 630/574-8484; [elkayusa.com](http://elkayusa.com)

### 9. TROPICS TOUGH

This solid-bamboo apron-front sink sports a water-resistant top coat and a low-rise divider that welcomes large baking pans. **Model BAP-100**, \$999; Lenova; 877/733-1098; [lenovasinks.com](http://lenovasinks.com)



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### 10. A RICH BLEND

A composite of 80 percent granite, Silgranit II feels like natural stone, but it's lighter and stain-resistant. Accessories include a sliding wood cutting board. **BlancoPrecis 441128**, \$1445; Blanco America; 800/451-5782; [blancoamerica.com](http://blancoamerica.com)

### 11 DESIGNER DRAINER

In the sink or on the counter, this compact plastic dish rack is chic and clever: Its pivoting spout directs water straight into the bowl. **Dish rack JT1106**, \$24.99; Simplehuman; 877/988-7770; [simplehuman.com](http://simplehuman.com)



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## MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER

with a well-designed faucet. It's tempting to shop with your eyes alone, but only your hands can tell if the handles feel comfortable, the spout is high enough, and the sprayer works smoothly. Check water savings, ask about durability, and, sure, give in to the styling you love. The investment will pay off day after day for a long time.

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### 1. GO FOR GLAM

Soft, flowing lines and a warm bronze finish create kitchen art in action. This high-arc model is also easy to install, thanks to the Hydrolock quick-connect system. **Savvy S791BB**, from \$440, as shown \$595, including sprayer; ShowHouse by Moen; 800/289-6636; [showhouse.moen.com](http://showhouse.moen.com)

### 2. OUTSIDE THE BOX

Its European styling may be a little unusual, but this single-control kitchen mixer blends equal parts function and fashion. And at almost 14 inches tall, its polished-chrome form will shake up your sinkscape. **Link 2256 C LNK**, \$415; Deca; 877/802-1250; [deca-us.com](http://deca-us.com)



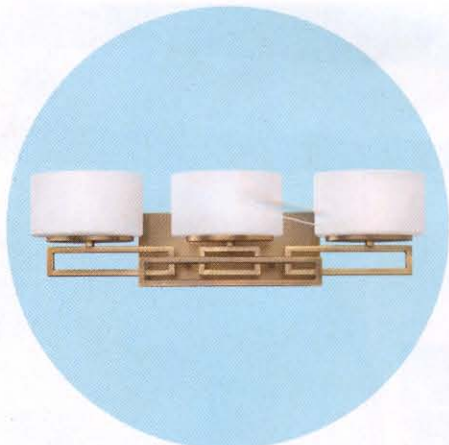
## Four-Star Accommodations

Love the sense of glamour at your favorite splurge hotel? Bring some of that luxury home through unusual finishes, a soaking tub, and stone surfacing on floor, walls, and countertops. Even a small bath will win rave reviews.



### COPPER CURVES

Ergonomic Thames is one of five elegant handle styles on this copper-finish faucet. **Kensington 319-2-W**, \$912; Watermark Designs; 718/257-2800; [watermark-designs.com](http://watermark-designs.com)



### THREE IN A ROW

A burnished-bronze finish gives this fixture's 25-inch-wide frame character. Sixty-watt halogen bulbs are included. **Bath bar 5103BR**, \$297; Hinkley Lighting; 216/671-3300; [hinkleylighting.com](http://hinkleylighting.com)



### WHITE ON WHITE

Smooth and chic, this wall-mount sink has a honed finish and spacious faucet deck. The V-shape basin is 39 inches wide. **Reve K-5026-1**, from \$535, \$706 as shown; Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; [kohler.com](http://kohler.com)



### ELEGANT UPGRADE

Details count. A Monaco Gold finish and Art Deco-inspired details turn a basic medicine cabinet into bathroom art. **Metallique MT24D4MDMG**, \$1,285; Robern; 800/877-2376; [robern.com](http://robern.com)

Design your bathroom **with as much thought** as you would give any other living space in your home.