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- Go beyond boring with these little numbers. Clockwise from top: Fuoriserie ceramic tile, \$8; ecco-products.com. Paragon brushed stainless number, \$21; atlashomewares.com. HouseArt 5" stainless numeral in Terra Rust finish; \$24; houseart.net. Hammered metal number from Haiti, \$10; tropic-decor.com. Mackintosh stainless steel number, from \$210 for 3; eleekinc.com.
- 2 No more searching the depths of your bag for keys. Kwikset's SmartCode lock allows for keyless entry. About \$99; kwikset.com.
- 3 Ashley Norton's sleek Urban Suite set comes in dark or white bronze. \$660; ashleynorton.com.
- 4 An antique brass doorknocker that's truly the cat's meow. \$20; restorationhardware.com.
- 5 For fluorescent light with style, try the 53"-tall recycled aluminum Liza pier mount. From \$4,800; eleekinc.com.
- **6** Troy Lighting's Covent Garden lantern is nickel-coated brass. \$993; **troy-lighting.com**.
- 7 A stainless steel and frosted plastic inbox. \$78; chiasso.com.
- **8** An illuminated button on this NuTone doorbell (NB5511BL) lights the way for guests. \$41; **nutone.com**.







≺ Rotate the easyto-turn Kohler Flipside showerhead to choose from four different sprays, including a massaging stream. \$73; kohler.com.

## bathing beauties

Let these essentials soak up all the attention in your bathroom





laufen.com.

≺ The Somerton Smart 270 toilet has an easy-onthe-knees height (161/2" from floor to seat, unlike the standard 14") and water-saving dualflush technology. About \$637; caromausa.com.



▲ Standing between 36" and 39" high, Graff Faucets' Sade floor-mounted tub filler is striking in its simplicity. In polished chrome and satin nickel. From \$2,996; graff-faucets.com.





∢ A playful take on a medicine cabinet, the Marathi from Hastings Tile & Bath has doors that encircle the mirror. \$1,895; hastingstilebath.com.





It comes in white, but you can paint the Victoria + Albert York tub any shade, as shown. \$2,900; vandabaths.com.



Neutral doesn't have to mean boring. Consider these squares that have surprising textures and patterns.



Ann Sacks Elements Chevron in Dense Fog, London Sky and Cloud, Tile in Grey, \$17 from \$20.25 per sq. ft.; annsacks.com.



Nuvole Varied Blend Glass Mosaic per sq. ft.; bisazza.com.



Slate Gray 3D Herringbone Weave Marble Tile, \$14.99 per sq. ft.; glasstilestore.com.



Moda Mosaic Collection, Siena Silver Large Rectangle Field, \$32 per sq. ft.; walkerzanger.com.



Parramore Desdemona Mosaic in Carrara and Thassos Polished, \$81.97 per sq. ft.; waterworks.com.

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# room with a view

A once-dreary California kitchen opens up to the great outdoors

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ith its drab cabinets and tired layout, the 418-square-foot kitchen where physicians Karen and Robert Eppley spent a good deal of their time off was ailing, to say the least. The couple, 51 and 54, called on designer Julie Williams, CKD, CBD, of Novato, California, who prescribed a change in the layout to better take advantage of the view-the home's lush backyard-and separating the space into five key areas: a food prep station, a desk, a breakfast nook, a wine and coffee bar, and a central island where the Eppleys' teenagers-Sarah, 19, Emma, 16, and Robert, 14-can do homework. In the end, this sunlight-drenched space was just what the doctors ordered.



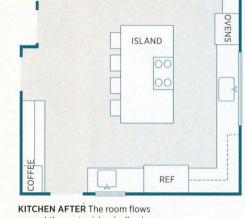








To give the kitchen a clean, contemporary look that didn't totally depart from the home's traditional details, the designer used two types of cabinetry: maple painted matte white and wenge veneer.



around the center island, allowing the Eppleys to cook and entertain at the same time.



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