

HOT trends

WHAT'S NEW IN THE KITCHEN & BATH INDUSTRY



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*Jewels for the Home...
and much more!*

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PRODUCTS FOR THE SOUL

The products we love have soul. They are useful, beautiful and meaningful—all at the same time. They reflect our personal styles, glimpse into places we've been or would like to go, and speak to who we'd like to become.

In the kitchen, the proverbial heart of our home, creating a soulful ambiance means choosing those products that offer practical convenience, while conforming to our many moods and occasions.

In contrast, the bath's soul is found in the products that answer our need for relaxation and rejuvenation.

The following are among the newest products that define today's most soulful kitchens and baths!

TREND 1 Adoring Adornments

Just as we're seeing a revival of embellishments in apparel fashions from jeans to retro hippie blouses, kitchens and baths are going expressive with beads, jewels and metal detailing. Especially "hot" are metal adornments – everything from metal studs and mesh to steel rings and grommets in chrome and nickel. Kylie's basket - a new bath vessel sink from Elite Bath - sticks out with botanical adornments and a textural ropelike metal ring. Harrington Brass Works offers a unique spa-inspired twist with its faucet featuring aqua blue crystals as handle accents. Among the most lavish jeweled bath designs is a free-form glass sink from Bear Creek Glass that's adorned with diamonds and 18 black Tahitian pearls set in 18-karat white gold.



Bear Creek Glass



Harrington Brass Works



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Elite Bath

TREND 2 Swayed by Suede

When it comes to napped leather, some fall for suede. But suede in the kitchen and bath? It may seem like an oxymoron, but not if it's washable suede! We've been seeing it in modern furniture, and now Atlas Homewares has brought the trend to decorative knobs and pulls for cabinets. Enhanced with polished chrome and brushed nickel accents, the cocoa brown collection's ultra modern look is ideal for adding an unexpected and trendy touch of class to kitchen and bath cabinetry.



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TREND 3 Coppery Highlights

The beauty of copper is reflected in its chameleon-like qualities. Copper is hot in textured and smooth laminates for vertical surfaces from backsplashes to cabinets, as well as accents like decorative hardware. The intensity of copper's hue depends on the angle or dim of the light—especially apparent in one of the newest coppers for the kitchen—laser-designed



Laserttron



Harrington Brass Works

stainless steel doors from Laserttron. Featuring super hard and durable titanium coating that creates unique colors and extraordinary surface interest, this high-end surface is practical, to boot. In addition to offering a touch of sophistication, this non-tarnish copper is as low maintenance as it gets.

TREND 5 Luminaries

There's no need to look into a crystal ball – the luminaries are already here! Glass in all its forms are being revealed in combinations of textured, smooth, frosted and tinted varieties. Choose an eclectic mix to meet your taste, whether it's illuminating a room with energy or creating a tranquil, refreshingly quiet space. As one of the only companies to offer tempered glass bath fixtures, DECOLAV offers a clear vision of this trend with an exquisite new glass pedestal featuring frosted and transparent glass that's further complemented by polished chrome.



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TREND 4 Mood Swings

Pendants have never swung so high in style! We're seeing bright colors, modern shapes, and a trend towards pairing up, and dangling several complementary designs in the kitchen, bath and beyond. Some of the most colorful pendants making dramatic statements are from Baci by Remcraft. The new collection of hand-blown white Opal



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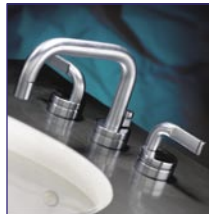
Baci by Remcraft

glass shades contrasts sublimely with the brightly hued drama offered by the design's colorful millefiori accents. These pendants create atmosphere that will leave you dangling on every moment in their presence!

TREND 6

Future Perfect

The future is now with unique ultra modern style featuring the sleekest of lines and movement where its never been



Watermark

before. Industrial spouts are growing in importance with the Prêt-A-Vive from Watermark Design offering a more sophisticated version of industrial futuristic chic. In addition to having the accent in all the right places, Prêt-A-Vive's minimalist and meticulously crafted design is enhanced by its versatility. The design allows consumers to choose from a lever or two-spoke cross handle style, and even decide "where" to place the interchangeable tool-bit inspired handles. The Tango faucet from Graff features an

ultra modern, futuristic design that takes another step forward with an industry unique adjustable spout for bath basins.



Graff

TREND 7 Free Style

Matchy-matchy and the "fitted" look is out! In the kitchen and bath, there's a move away from continuous counters and matching fixtures attached to the wall. Instead we're seeing freestanding furniture style vanities, tubs and sinks that pull in interesting features. Single and double vanities look more like armoires with details including cabriole legs, corbel wings and beveled corners. Mixing styles and materials, for example the pairing of metal and wood create free-flowing space in the bath. And freestyle tubs are becoming more "freestyle" in that they're no longer limited to vintage or period style baths. While the



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MTI Whirlpools

old style tubs have become modern from a comfort and ergonomic standpoint, ultra contemporary versions of the freestanding tub have joined the mix. In the kitchen, etageres are stowing counter-top essentials from banana trees to knife blocks, while the sink's free form style is revealed in a range of shapes and bowl combinations.



Vanity Flair



TEKA

TREND 8 Nature's Bounty

From log homes to custom traditional mega homes, consumers long to bring the outdoors in. We're seeing leaf imprints, wildlife scenes, and all over rain patterns on functional canvases including glass shower surrounds, backsplashes, aprons of farmer's sinks and even decorative hardware. While Elite Bath offers ocean, wildlife and vineyard scenes on its bronze sculpted backsplash murals and farmhouse sinks, Images in Tile is turning tiles into stunning, larger than life mosaics that add instant color and bring nature into the home in a



Images In Tile

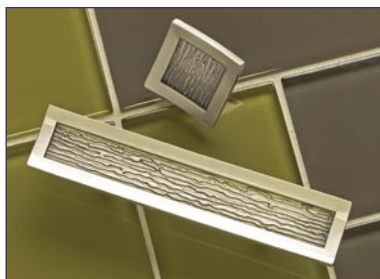
new medium. The artistically sculptured wrought iron cattail frame on the freestanding tub Primm by MTI Whirlpools, brings a calming nature setting to your bath.



Elite Bath



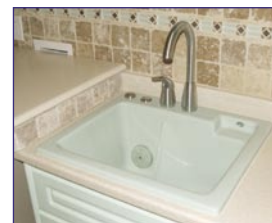
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TREND 9 Color Forms

Color has the power to change the mood in an instant. A large blast of color to the smallest



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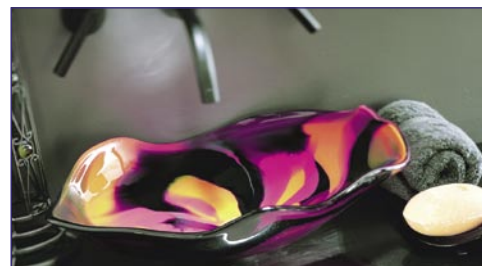
accent can say bold and rich or make a softer, more serene statement. We're seeing a rainbow of hues in everything. In the bath, a trend toward glass sinks is optimizing a range of spectacular colors including fire orange and sapphire blue. Medicine cabinets, as well as



Atlas Homewares,

decorative hardware for cabinetry in both the kitchen and the bath also offers some fun opportunities to splash up the mood with color. Even the laundry sink from

innovator MTI Whirlpools has gone to color.



Bear Creek Glass

ADOPTING A *Green* ATTITUDE WITH DESIGNER PAT GAYLOR



For tips and product ideas on creating an environmentally sound kitchen and bath one step at a time, contact Designer Patricia Gaylor at 201-396-9297.

Q Today's consumer loves the calming qualities of the color green, but are they as open to the eco-friendly products that create this lifestyle?

A *Most everyone likes the idea of pure and eco-friendly products, but stops short when they're inconvenient or expensive. I help my clients ease into a greener lifestyle with the facts, and one of the major truths is that high-quality products made with natural and sustainable materials, whether it's bamboo, FSC-certified hardwood or non-toxic low VOC paint not only help the environment, but are more cost effective in the long run because they are made to last.*

Q How do you get the hesitant homeowner to commit to these products and a green lifestyle?

A *I don't look for a commitment. I just try to help them understand that you don't have to be an adamant green person to want to choose to surround yourself with products that are good for your health and the environment. Positive first steps are fine. Awareness of what's around us is key, and even incorporating ONE earth-friendly choice or aspect into daily living is a step forward.*

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