

Hot Trends



What's New in the Kitchen and Bath Industry

KBIS RECAP ISSUE

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Good editors are much like seasoned shoppers. Season after season, they instinctively sort through a daunting array of new introductions, boiling them down to those that speak to a particular trend or design sensibility. What talent!

But after this year's Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KIBIS) in Las Vegas, even the most decisive editors may have found themselves scratching their heads in indecision. With so many advances in material, color and technology spawning a seemingly infinite display of new design and product innovations, it's no wonder!

In an effort to help editors stay ahead of the kitchen and bath "trend" curve, we scoured the market for those products that are the most current, unique, and functional. Here's a recap of our picks.



Innovative Laundry Sink

Jentle Jet® by MTI Whirlpools



Exquisite Glass Workes of Art

Emerald Isle by Bear Creek Glass

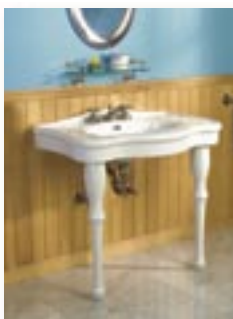


VINTAGE FASHIONS

Vintage style is in Vogue! The bath is seeing a huge resurgence in authentic vintage designs that combine the benefits of today's technology, with the style of a more romantic period.

Evoking a sense of days gone by are bridge faucets with cross handles and elegant high arc spouts. Meanwhile the ever-popular claw foot tub combines today's more comfortable, ergonomic interior forms with the tried-and-true heat maintaining capabilities of yesteryear's cast iron.

(Harrington Brass Works; Sunrise Specialty)



CHECK IT OUT

Capture the passion for style with all-over checks, squares and polka dot patterns. Spotted at K/BIS were wood bath vanities that wore all-over diamond patterns as well as squares. We also saw some great knobs and pulls featuring yellow and blue cabana stripes, plus those donning black and white checks—this season's hottest color combo. It's no wonder the home front is stealing fashion's best finds!

(Atlas Homewares; Contemporary Bath Design)





MAKING THE ROUNDS



A round, oval, or organically shaped sink appears innovative and downright novel in most kitchens, where you'd expect to see something more square.

Waking up the once traditional kitchen

are rounded and oblong formations with smooth to bumpy surfaces. In stainless steel, the designs gleam



with a brilliant luster, and lend an artistic impact to ho-hum kitchens as seen in these kitchen and bath sinks from Teka. Contemporary Bath Design also offers wonderful round styles of carved glass. (TEKA; Contemporary Bath Design)



FUNCTIONAL ART



The hottest kitchen and bath designs exhibit one-of-a-kind looks that don't compromise on function. At K/BIS, a

Venetian-style halogen sconce popping with multi-color

millefiori made an abstract statement. We also saw a wide array of nature-inspired art, including bronze-sculpted backsplash murals featuring ocean, wildlife and vineyard scenes for the kitchen.

(Baci by Remcraft; Elite Bath; Images In Tile)





VISUAL FLOW



Designs that reveal the beauty of flowing water are making statements like never before. So it's little surprise that the faucet – the source of water's flow – has opened up for maximum impact. The most unique open spout design just may be the Aqueduct from Watermark Design. Featuring graduated layers, Aqueduct reminds us of a rippling

brook when water flows. Another, the Azahar faucet from Watermark Designs breathes historical charm. A castle-like treasure, it reminds of a simpler, albeit more ornate time and is the crowning touch in a bath designed to make guests and homeowners feel like royalty. With Watermark, there's no limit to the style possibilities.

(Watermark Designs)



AROUSE THE SENSES



Self-indulgence is taken to the next level when bathers become immersed in an aromatherapy tub from MTI Whirlpools. MTI's

revolutionary new design combines the ancient art of aromatherapy with a state-of-the-art diffusion system that actually releases the power of pure essential oils through millions of tiny bubbles. Available on most MTI tubs, with the exception of freestanding baths, tub options harmonize with the benefits of aromatherapy. This pure natural therapy comes from an exclusive partnership with AromaLand®. If you'd like to sample the AromaLand products, please contact us at 941-351-1005 for a sample pack and personal diffuser. *(MTI Whirlpools)*





COLOR VIBE

Color is one of the easiest and most effective ways to revive a tired space. In the bath, complementing the existing colors and decor can be as simple as adding a vessel sink or medicine cabinet in the right hue. Mann's Manufacturing has a plentiful array of colors to choose from, including country and shabby chic inspired hues. Atlas Homewares is offering colors galore in decorative hardware. Harrington Brass Works showcased a new colorful faucet with aqua



blue crystals. And Bear Creek Glass has a colorful glass sink collection sure to make a Splash in today's most demanding baths. *(Mann's Manufacturing; Atlas Homewares; Harrington Brass Works; Bear Creek Glass)*



THE SPA EXPERIENCE COMES HOME

Tired feet rejoice! Now you don't have to trek to the spa to pamper your aching feet. MTI Whirlpools has made it possible to get a commercial-quality pedicure in the comfort and privacy of your own home. *(MTI Whirlpools)*





METALLIC WRAP

The current trend toward mixed materials is expanding its reach to unexpected realms. Garnering the most attention are MTI Whirlpools' striking and distinctively modern freestanding tubs wrapped in copper or stainless steel.



The metal-clad designs are handmade and customized for most of the company's freestanding bath styles.
(MTI Whirlpools)



STUNNING STOW-AWAYS



Additional inches and meticulously engineered designs are adding up to more storage and style in everything from bath vanities to the interiors of kitchen cabinets. Traditional raised-panel furniture-style bath vanities and caddies featuring Old World wood stains and period details are providing unexpected storage with attributes such as built-in accessory wings.

And homeowners with more contemporary tastes are enjoying the beauty of glass without sacrificing storage.
(Vanity Flair; Contemporary Bath Design)





GLITTERATI

All that glitters has star appeal in metallic and shiny surfaces that show a continuing expansion in color, finish, and form. Standouts include Lasertron's stainless steel cabinetry



doors and drawers reminiscent of shiny beach sand due to the design's super hard and durable titanium coating. Glittery glass bath basins from Bear Creek Glass featuring everything from fluid iridescence to glittery gold leaf detail are also making dramatic statements. (*Lasertron; Bear Creek Glass*)



CURVES AHEAD



We're seeing curves in all the right places! In the kitchen sculptural curves in designer range hoods are the rage, while in the bath gracefully curved shower bases with enclosures and space saving curvaceous wood console basins are stealing the style show. (*MTI Whirlpools; Adagio*)



HOTEL A' LA MODE



Escape is the theme in the bath, where small luxuries play a huge role in mirroring the look and feel of a five star hotel. Atlas Homewares makes the grade with decorative hardware in urban chic, retro, linear and spa-inspired looks. But it's the M-12 telescoping vanity mirror from Baci that literally provides the perfect reflection. European in mood, the mirror's solid brass fittings, radiant finishes and optical quality combine for superb style and function.

(*Baci by Remcraft; Atlas Homewares*)





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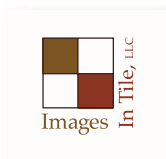
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