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Top-of-the-line fittings for every custom project













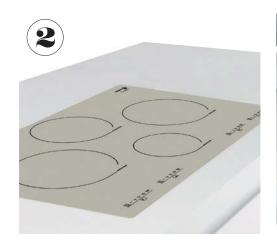




1. DELFT TOUCH

The classic blue china known as Delftware actually has Chinese roots but found its way across Europe in the 17th century. These 12-inch-by-12-inch limestone tiles take their inspiration from the 1600s and are available in the classic blue and white combination. But they're also made in more modern tones, such as teal, magenta, and persimmon. The tiles are hand-painted or lithographed in holly, tulip/carnation, diamond/circle, fleur de lys, or quatrefoil patterns; four 12-inch squares compose a complete design. The tiles can be installed indoors or in some outdoor applications, and on both walls and floors. From Clé, by tile designer Deborah Osburn for Tilevera. www.cletile.com

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2. MAGNETIC APPEAL

Induction is fast, safe, responsive, and doesn't waste heat. Fagor offers a 30-inch model in Bonita Grey (Pantone 402C), to coordinate with light-colored counters. Self-adjusting burners determine the size of the cookware being used and heat only that space, saving on energy. The cooktop uses scratch- and stain-resistant Schott Ceran glass. Its eight-point electrical safety system includes technology that prevents spills from baking onto the cooktop. Fagor. www.fagoramerica.com

3. HITTING THE WALL

The E series of built-in ovens includes three styles: contemporary, transitional (shown), and professional. Features include a touch-action control panel,

10 cooking modes, dual convection fans, self-cleaning capability, a full-extension bottom rack, and a balanced door hinge system. The front of the oven is installed flush with surrounding cabinetry for an integrated look. The single oven measures 27 ½ inches tall and 29 ½ inches wide, with a 23 ¾-inch depth behind the 1-inch frame. Sub-Zero Wolf. www.subzero-wolf.com

4. PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Amma Oval 65-gallon bathtub measures 72 inches by 42 inches by 28 inches to fit two bathers. It includes 58 jets, two raised seats, independently controlled heated backrests, four armrests, and two grab bars. The tub

comes in the company's standard almond, biscuit, bone, and white, in addition to five other colors. It can be equipped with ThermoMasseur, an air jet bath offering a deep massage, and ThermaSens, which combines three sense-based therapies: AromaCloud, WarmTouchShell, and Chromatherapy. The freestanding tub version is shown, but a theatre stage model also is available. Bain Ultra. www.bainultra.com

5. EAU SO FRENCH

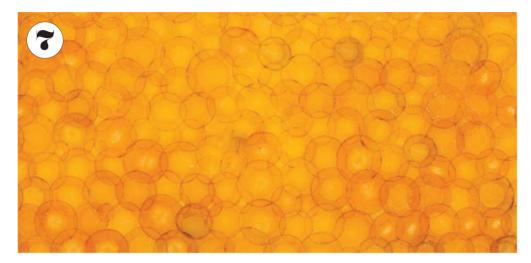
Vintage and modern can make a happy match when it comes to plumbing fixtures. The result of collaboration between THG and French designer Olivier Gossart, SO Optical glass faucet handles are laser-engraved in retro fashion with chaud (hot) and froid (cold),

and are paired with a chrome-finish modern waterfall spout. The SO Collection also includes an integrated thermostatic shower system and Roman tub filler with integrated progressive-mixing hand shower. THG. www.thgstyle.com

6. SWANKY SINK

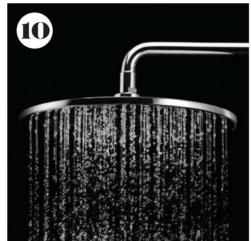
Handcrafted in Italy, Rohl's line of commercial grade copper stainless sinks deliver the handsome warmth of copper and the durability of high-grade stainless steel. The copper stainless sinks are crafted with a rounded, easy-to-clean bottom edge radius and zero-edge side walls. There's also an insulating undercoat to reduce splash-back sound. www.rohlhome.com

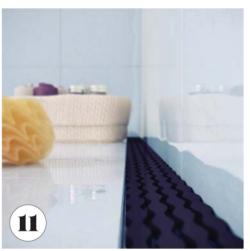
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7. FRUIT OF THE ROOM

In an industry where innovation is incremental, bold creativity in design goes a long way. Market, a new collection of wall tiles from Ann Sacks, takes it all the way to the farmstand. Designed in collaboration with glass artist Tony Davlin, the series features tissue-thin slices of fruits and vegetables that are dried and pressed between two glass tiles. Overlapping pears, tomatoes, carrots (shown), gourds, citrus fruits, and cucumbers prove that the eye is the first to feast, turning interior walls into eye candy. Ann Sacks. www.annsacks.com

8. TOP DRAWER

The Leather Series from the Armadi Art Aqua Collection of wall-mounted vanities by Topex attracts attention via its waterproof, scratch and humidity resistant crocodile-textured leather surfaces. Offered in 24-, 28, 36-, and 42-inch sizes with one or two waterresistant, leatherette-lined, soft-close drawers, the vanities can be purchased alone or as a set with a glass sinktop surface and a coordinating mirror. Topex. www.topexhardware.com

9. TANKLESS JOB

The technology in this new tankless water heater is said to eliminate mineral buildup issues, with four copper heat exchangers that have ceramic insulation. The units are Wi-Fi compatible and have features that can detect leaks, automate service calls,

and communicate directly with the installer. A user app, available for iOS and Android phones and tablets, allows remote temperature settings, calendar settings, and error alerts. Trutankless. www.trutankless.com

10. UNDER PRESSURE

Shower fixtures get the spa treatment with TOTO's new technology that draws air through the showerhead and pumps it into each water droplet to enhance spray volume without upping water use. Combined with the company's Gyrostream spray mode, which releases the water in short pulses for a massage-like effect, AeroJet + technology is offered with the company's new Aero line of showerheads and handshowers. The showerhead model features a flow rate

of 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm), while the handshower can be set at either 2.0 gpm or 2.5 gpm. TOTO. www.totousa.com

11. HIGH DESIGN UNDERFOOT

Quick Drain's new channel drains by architect Michael Graves are sleek, easy to install, and ADA compliant, creating a curbless shower. The product nabbed an award at this year's International Builders' Show for setting itself apart in a category of product that's often more of an afterthought than an asset, said the judges. Choices include Stream and Cosmo styles, both available in brushed and polished stainless steel and oil-rubbed bronze finishes. Quick Drain. www.quickdrainusa.com



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