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product innovator awards

By Chelsie Butler



K+BB is excited to announce the winners of its coveted Product Innovator Awards for 2014. The judges had the task of choosing the lucky winners out of 140+ innovative kitchen and bath product submissions. Awards go to both the Kitchen Product of the Year and Bath Product of the Year, and four products were given an Honorable Mention. For the second year in a row, we have included a "Judge's Picks" category for the additional products the judges felt were worthy enough for recognition — a handful more were chosen this year because of the sheer number of submissions we received and because we added an additional judge.



Katie Poehling, showroom manager for First Supply LLC/ Gerhards Kitchen & Bath Stores, has found herself on the leading edge of the kitchen and bath industry by participating in First Supply's

opening of the first distributor-owned, single-branded K&B store in the country. With a strong background in business development, she has grown her company's K&B division with solid business practices and key vendor relationships.



Troy Pavelka is an award-winning, licensed architect for Chicago-area residential firm, Normandy Design Build Remodeling. In addition to designing and selling remodeling solutions for his clients,

he also directs Normandy's design staff to ensure aesthetic sensitivity and function. He has been named to *Professional Remodeler Magazine's* Top 40 under 40 list and has had numerous projects featured in a variety of magazines.



Toni Sabatino is a leading kitchen and bath designer in New York; has designed residential projects in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Long Island and the Hamptons; and was the recipient of a Best of

Houzz Award for customer satisfaction in 2013 and 2014. She began her career working with a kitchen cabinet manufacturer and then a distributor, all while building a portfolio of 1,000+ kitchens before launching her own firm, Toni Sabatino Style.



Brandy Souza is the general manager for Kitchen Views at National Lumber's eight New England stores, which feature a variety of cabinetry, countertop and decorative hardware products. She has been designing kitchens for remodels and new construction for the last 15 years and has degrees in both architectural design and construction technology.



Cheryl Kees Clendenon, owner of In Detail, has been working in the design field for more than 14 years on the Gulf Coast and also travels to meet clients across the country. Each kitchen,

bath or other space she designs is a reflection of the individual client's personality, lifestyle and taste. Her designs have been published in more than 50 consumer publications, and she has won numerous awards.

Kohler's Undertone Preserve

Troy Pavelka chose this new finish available for stainless steel because it addresses the age-old concern over how the sink will look after normal use.

He feels it's truly an innovative modification on a classic kitchen fixture. The sink resists scratching and withstands everyday wear and tear, keeping it looking newer for longer, and accommodates a variety of kitchen uses. **Circle No. 206 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**



Ametis Ring by GRAFF

Toni Sabatino had a love-at-first-sight moment with the Ametis Ring because the cascade of water flowing from it makes such a powerful aesthetic statement for any contemporary bath design. The spa-like showerhead provides a 360-degree downward flow of water and is available in three finishes: polished chrome, architectural black and architectural white. **Circle No. 207 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**



ROHL's Modern Architectural Side Lever Stainless Steel Pro Pull-Down Kitchen Faucet

Katie Poehling is impressed by this faucet's beautiful design with its clean, crisp lines and graceful, curved spout, which makes it easy to fill large pots or rinse large platters. Crafted in New Zealand, the commercial-style faucet is extremely durable with its stainless steel construction and offers dual spray modes to easily remove food from plates. **Circle No. 208 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**



ONE Collection by BLANCO

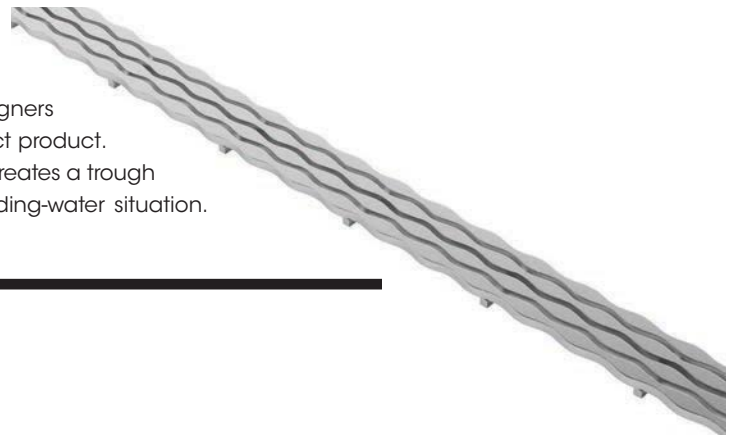
Cheryl Kees Clendenon chose BLANCO's ONE Collection of three spacious, stainless steel sinks and five accessory kits for the ultimate in individualized workstations. The collection comes with three bowl sizes - single, super single and medium - and features the company's satin polished finish. Accessories include a magnetic sink caddy, a workstation that holds utensils, an ash compound cutting board and protective custom grids. **Circle No. 209 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**



Stream Linear Drain by Quick Drain USA

Brandy Souza chose the Stream Linear Drain because with more designers replacing tub/shower units with larger, stand-up units, she feels this is a perfect product. The drain replaces the traditional thresholds once used to keep water in and creates a trough that allows water to move away from your feet - rather than create a standing-water situation.

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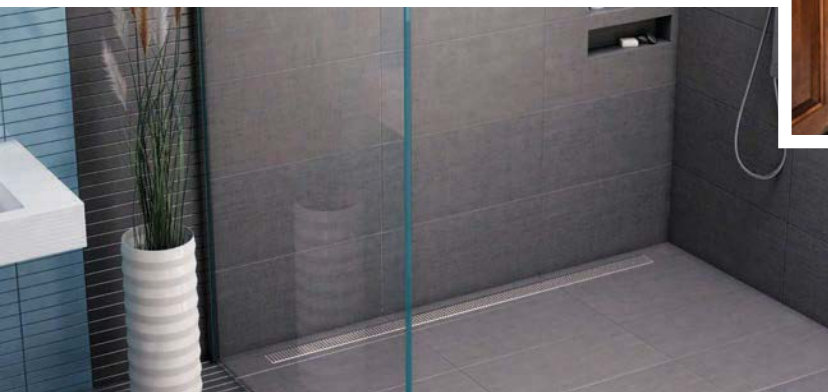
In 2015, **Aino** will launch an electronic segmented wall unit in ceramic. It is electronically powered and opens and closes via a soft-touch mechanism under the unit. Its ceramic material is derived from particles of oxides and silicides, which make the ceramic front – with a modern concrete look and textured feel – highly durable and heat resistant. The touch sensor will stop the slats any time, so the unit is safe and easy to use. **Circle No. 261 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**



The Melinda 10 bathtub from **MTI Baths** can be customized with a variety of color options for the brass ball-and-claw feet, and each tub is made to order. Part of the Designer Collection, the Melinda 10 is available as a freestanding soaker tub, is cast of durable acrylic and measures 65.75 by 34 by 24 inches. It is available in white, bone, biscuit or almond, as well as eight additional colors, including two-tone construction, and the feet are offered in a chrome or brushed-nickel finish – with powder-coated white as an option – or customers can choose from more than 200 additional colors. **Circle No. 262 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**



Hardware Resources has introduced new options to its Lazy Susan line, which include Premium Wood Lazy Susan Kits, Economy Wood Lazy Susan Kits and Single Trays with Swivel. The Premium Kits are made from birch, and the trays have a 1-in. inside rim to keep items secure. The Economy Kits and Single Trays with Swivel are made from poplar plywood with a smooth UV surface. Each option is available in a variety of sizes. **Circle No. 263 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**



Tile Redi's Go Tubless!™ shower pans have been created to fit the footprint of the bathtub removed and replaced with a shower. The pans are leak proof, easy to install and affordable, and they feature an integrated linear trench and choice of either a tile-able linear drain top or designer linear grate top. **Circle No. 264 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**

The Metropole Collection from **Newport Brass** – a long-standing fixture in the bathroom – is now available for the kitchen. It is offered in six models, including the pull-down faucet, bar/prep faucet, wall-mount pot filler, hot and cold water dispenser and air gap. It incorporates magnetic docking technology to hold the spray wand in place when not in use, and the forward rotation handle accommodates spaces with backsplash limits. The collection is available in 27 finishes. **Circle No. 265 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**

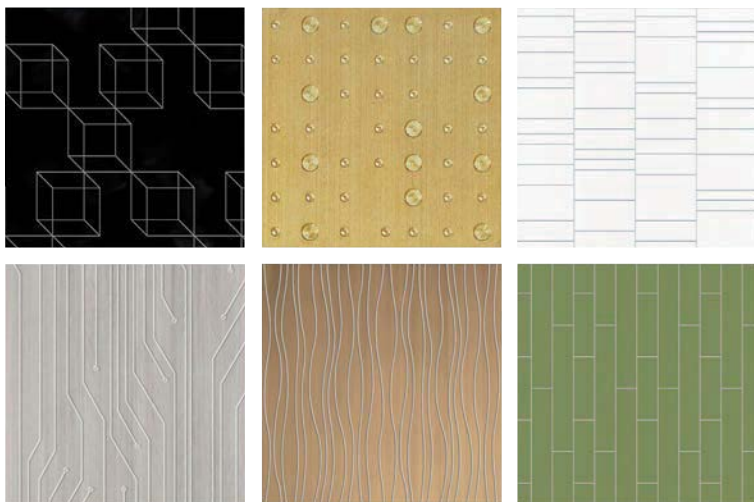


Orbit Industries offers an expanded series of pop-up floor boxes that mount flush with the floor; they disappear when retracted, which prevents tripping hazards. More than 20 models are available as complete assemblies or cover-only plates with one- or two-gang receptacles. The floor boxes can be installed in wood or concrete flooring – in new or existing floors. **Circle No. 266 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**

PRODUCTS



The LONDRA collection of bathroom fittings from **Simas** is made in Italy and emanates an elegant, Old England style. It includes a hand basin with a single tap hole (three holes available); a wall-hung or pedestal basin in two sizes; a wall-hung version of the toilet and bidet; a console with a single tap on legs or brackets; a toilet with a floor and wall drain (also available in a close-coupled version); a low-, high-level and close-coupled cistern with a lid; a bidet with single tap hole; and a toilet seat cover with soft-closing hinges in polyester or walnut-finished wood, with gold, chrome or bronze hinges. **Circle No. 267 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**



The **Móz Designs** Engravings Collection of metal surfacing materials now features a variety of etched patterns and earth-toned colors. The patterns are engraved directly into the surface of the solid core aluminum, and the collection can be used in exterior or interior applications. All of the company's materials are made from recycled aluminum. Top left to right includes cubes/ebony; matrix/antique gold; and crossroads/clear. Bottom right to left includes circuit/clear; strings/chestnut; and mason/jade. **Circle No. 268 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**



The one-piece Canto toilet from **St. Thomas Creations** features a chair-height bowl with elongated dimensions, a soft-close lid and quiet flush mechanism. The WaterSense-compliant unit uses EcoQUATTRO flushing technology, using only 1.28 gallons per flush and clearing more than 1,000 grams of solid waste. An oversized trapway eliminates clogging, and the toilet is available in white and balsa with several alternate trim finishes. **Circle No. 269 or visit kbbonline.com/freeinfo**

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