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## EFFECTIVE BUDGETING

Spending more on kitchen surfaces meant the designer had to make sure everything else worked within budget. Big savings came from the choice of well-crafted stock cabinetry with crown molding. She chose a transitional door, which was painted and glazed to bring out the decorative elements of the cabinets. Luckily, the cabinet options included wine storage, which was installed above the refrigerator.

Despite the use of stock cabinetry, customization ruled in the interiors. Cunningham installed pullouts for organization, trash and recycling and an under-the-sink dishtowel rack. Since the daughter is tall and the mom is not, Cunningham made sure items would be reachable by both by including both drawers and upper cabinetry. All of the drawers have enough depth to store even long objects.

Rather than selecting high-end appliances, the homeowner agreed to more economical options. The pendant lighting over the island complements the space but was reasonably priced, as was the

## SOURCES

**DESIGNER:** Jane Cunningham, ASID, Room Resolutions Inc.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Shay Velich

**APPLIANCES:** GE;  
**BACKSPLASH:** Glazzio;

**CABINET ORGANIZATION:**

Blum; **COUNTERTOPS:** Cambria; **FAUCET:**

KOHLER; **HARDWARE:** Top

Knobs; **LIGHTING:** Cyan;

**SINK:** Blanco; **WASHER/**

**DRYER:** Samsung; **WINE**

**COOLER:** Avanti

**BELOW** The kitchen's quartz countertop and glass mosaic backsplash are repeated in the laundry room. The cabinet style of the kitchen continues in the laundry room, ensuring continuity between the two spaces.

functional, oversized sink. A cost-efficient use of the whimsical red color in the kitchen pays homage to the homeowner's status as an Ohio State alumna and her love of red wine.

"When I suggested red, she was all over it," said Cunningham. "I do like to do color, but I like a pop of color so there is something your eye sees other than a sea of white or some neutral. I want your eye to stop at certain elements so that all of the sudden, there is a rhyme and reason to the space."

The highlights are the red kitchen faucet and red pantry door. In fact, Cunningham initially planned to change the door to something customized, but by painting it, she saved money and added pizzazz.

## INTEGRATED LAUNDRY

The laundry room was designed so that when the door is open, the room can be seen as part of the kitchen. The area features the same Cambria countertops, colorful appliances and cabinetry.

"It looks like it's part of the kitchen, just recessed," said Cunningham.

Here, too, interior organization ensures that detergents and other items can be easily reached by both residents. The cabinet to the side of the washer-dryer pair houses outlets. Because the laundry room is often entered from the garage, there is a place for purses, phones and chargers. The space even includes easy-access storage for dog treats.

In the beginning, the homeowner might have felt like she had to give up some desires that had been pre-determined, such as marble countertops and high-end appliances, according to the designer. But even without the features she had thought she wanted, the homeowner calls the kitchen her dream spot. Sometimes giving up can actually be a big gain. ●



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## What's Hot

# What's Hot in Toilets



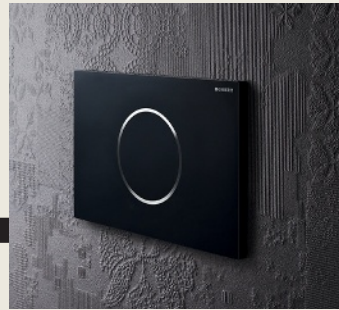
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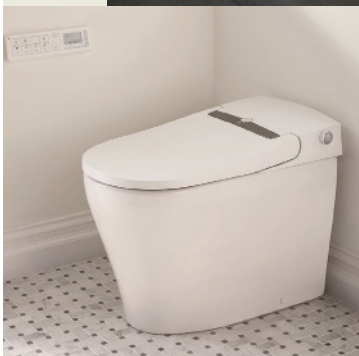
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**1. AMERICAN STANDARD** and Lysol have joined forces to introduce VorMax Plus, a new self-cleaning toilet that cleans and freshens the toilet bowl with Lysol cleaner during every flush. The result is a cleaner bowl that helps prevent staining and buildup, without any extra effort by the user or an unsightly add-on device in the bowl.

**2. NIAGARA** has launched the Nano Toilet, a compact design for tight spaces or tiny homes, that also has a water efficiency of up to an average of 0.6 gpf. Features include a noise-cancelling water tank and a patented vacuum-assist flush, and it has a 10-year warranty.

**3. BEMIS'** new Renew Bidet Cleansing Spa Toilet Seat provides a warm aerated wash, allowing consumers to adjust temperature, pressure, spray and nozzle position. A touch remote control makes using the seat easy and convenient and retains personalized settings for two users.

**4.** The new dual-flush Sigma10 Series Flush Plate from **GEBERIT** offers touch-free toilet flushing for improved hygiene and convenience. Less water is used with a wave of the hand; users may also simply walk away for a full flush. The Sigma10 is available with either battery or AC power and comes in seven finishes.

**5. TOTO** adds the new Aquia IV One- and Two-Piece Ultra High-Efficiency Dual Flush toilets with new DynaMax Tornado Flush Technology, which cleans the entire bowl and rim with 360 degrees of cyclonic rinsing action. The models are universal height and enable homeowners the ability to select the level of water used each time the toilet is flushed.

**6. DXV** expands its collection of innovative smart toilets with the SpaLet AT200 LS. New features for this model include two innovative functions for odor control, a Plasmacluster blue light that sterilizes the air inside the bowl after use and the Hyper Clean surface that prevents scratches and maintains bowl cleanliness.

**7. GERBER** has introduced the Avalanche Elite family of toilets, which features a modernized design with a simple semi-concealed trapway. It offers a more sleek, refined look than most two-piece toilets and is less blocky and bulky than fully skirted options.

**8. ICERA** has released a new look for the Palermo II. This updated model has a sleek, sophisticated look that is more modern than its predecessor. This two-piece toilet design features a compact, elongated bowl that is chair height for ADA compliance and is made of vitreous china.

**9.** The Memoirs line from **KOHLER** now includes a new wall-hung toilet. The toilet has a coordinating wall-mounted, dual-push actuator plate that gives users the water-saving choice of 0.8 or 1.6 gpf, and the plate can be easily removed to provide access to the inner tank components.



# What's Hot in Decorative Hardware

**1. ATLAS HOMEWARES** has expanded its finish options to include Warm Brass. With a golden sheen that is both modern and inviting, the finish can be used with the contemporary Tom Tom, the funky Conga, the traditional Wadsworth and the stately Elizabeth (shown) collections.



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**2. ELEMENT DESIGNS'** new pulls are recessed into the company's aluminum frame doors and are available in two lengths to fit any cabinetry or sliding door application. The pulls come in finishes to match each of the aluminum frame door finishes, including natural aluminum, brushed stainless steel, chrome, arctic gold, onyx, oil-rubbed bronze, white and black.



**3. BELWITH-KEELER** recently unveiled eight new collections of hardware inspired by architectural heritage and cultural classics. Shown here is Vale, which first appeared in the 1953 Modern Hardware catalog and has an exaggerated concave shape with a gentle slope.



**4. HARDWARE RESOURCES** has debuted the new Aiden Collection of decorative knobs and pulls. This collection not only adds bling to cabinet doors in transitional styles, but it also boasts age-friendly functionality because of its easy-to-grab design.

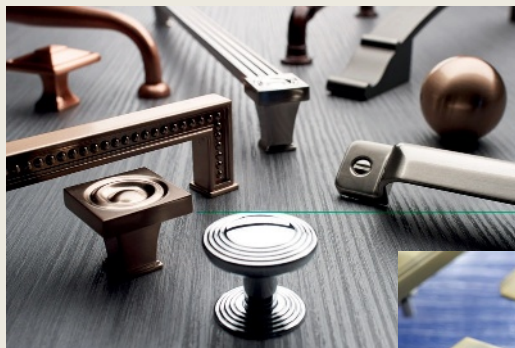
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**5. The T-Bar Handle from BUSTER + PUNCH** features a solid base with diamond-cut, knurled handle detailing and a T-shaped appearance. Finished with penny buttons and secured onto a circular back plate, the handle is best suited for industrial modern designs.



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**6. RICHELIEU** is launching its new Collection of Decorative Hardware, which brings together a selection of more than 1,000 new knobs and pulls in distinctive materials and shapes. Offered in chrome, nickel and new finishes like honey bronze, champagne bronze and chocolate bronze, the collection also responds to a demand for warmer metallic tones.



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**7. The Art Deco Series from INOX** was designed to transform utilitarian door locks, card readers and other hardware into custom-created, Jazz Age-style designs. The products are made from heavy-duty brass and include a commercial-grade, spring-assisted chassis for ease of operation and extreme durability.

**8. Ore from ROCKY MOUNTAIN HARDWARE** is a revived design that was originally commissioned nearly two decades ago for a mid-century home in Oklahoma. The collection includes a knob, lever and two grip styles for doors, plus for two pulls and one knob option for cabinets.

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**9. The DP128 Round Top from MOCKETT** is a versatile design that comes in a drawer pull or cabinet handle. Made with a solid-cast construction for a strong but lightweight performance, DP128 comes in antique brown, satin nickel, satin stainless steel, matte chrome, polished chrome and antique silver.

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# Bathroom Beauty

Master boasts amazing exterior views and “wow” interior elements

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**HEN MIKE HETHERMAN, CKD, WANTED TO UPDATE** his typical 1990’s master bath in Palm Springs, Calif., his goal was to create a true spa-like retreat with a connection to the outdoors. He created his-and-her spaces for him and his wife – both sides feature vanity and toilet areas, but his houses the shower, and hers has the tub and a separate make-up vanity.

“Cathy and I can be in the same space in harmony,” said Hetherman, who is the president and CEO of Willis, a North American-based building products distributor.

The back-to-back vanities are part of one monolithic island in the center of the master bath – the first thing one sees upon entry. The unit’s countertop forms waterfall gables to tie the whole piece together, and a floating mirror and hanging pendants finish off the look. The design team planned ahead for these items by installing a 2-in. by 12-in. plate into the drywall for mounting.

To bring in natural light and a connection to the outdoors, the bathroom looks out onto the adjacent courtyard through a floor-to-ceiling glass wall and entrance doors that open to the spa retreat outside. The indoor shower is also connected to the outdoor shower area, which is one of Hetherman’s favorite parts of the new bathroom design. His wife prefers soaking in the tub as the sun rises or gazing at the night stars.

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## SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGES

The designer said the former tiles in the shower were a maintenance nightmare. He and his team replaced those with waterproof solid surface material. Because the floor, walls and niches are all coved, there is no grout or caulk to worry about, which Hetherman says makes cleaning a breeze.

The entrance from the master bedroom is separated by a 6-ft., double-glass pocket door, which made it difficult to position light switches. The designer and his team opted for motion sensors at the floor level, as well as toe kick lighting that illuminates the flooring on all sides of the vanity island upon entering.

“Every day we use our bathroom, and we smile with all the details,” said Hetherman. “It’s pure JOY.”

**ABOVE** This master bath is part of a 500-sq.-ft. master retreat addition, which includes a bedroom, sitting area and office.

**ABOVE RIGHT** The addition of multiple can lights, LED rope lighting under the vanity and pendants provide extra illumination in the already bright space.

**BELOW LEFT & RIGHT** The countertops, sinks and shower walls and floor are composed of DuPont Corian solid surface material in Glacier White. The wall behind the tub is book-matched to Calacatta Natura in Corian.



## SOURCES

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**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Klaus Moser

**COUNTERTOPS, SHOWER FLOOR, SINKS & WALLS:** DuPont Corian Solid Surface; **FAUCETS:** Artisan; **FLOORING:** Stones Unlimited/Duracite; **HARDWARE:** Mockett; **PENDANTS:** Kichler; **SHOWER FIXTURES:** Hansgrohe; **TUB:** BainUltra; **TUB FILLER:** KOHLER; **VANITY UNIT:** Custom with FENIX NTM

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