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16 | Barclay Products offers a handcrafted farmer sink style in hammered antique copper. The single bowl sink measures 31-3/4"x21-1/4" with a 9" basin depth. The untreated copper is a living finish and each piece will develop a unique patina over time.
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17 | The sanitary, seamless sink bottom created by Affluence Seamless Sink includes a removable, cleanable disposer splash guard. The disposer and drain allow for a 90-second install, the firm notes.
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18 | American Standard Brands' Colony Soft kitchen faucet features a high-arc design, 360-degree swivel spout and a three-function pull-down handspray. The Colony Soft is constructed of solid brass and includes a water temperature memory setting.
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19 | Advance Tabco's A-Line Raised Deck countertop sinks are made of heavy-gauge stainless steel and have a satin finish. Features include a 2" raised deck that eliminates splash over and a 3" rear deck that will accommodate a large variety of faucet models.
Circle No. 183 on Product Card



20 | The Arwa-Twinflex contemporary kitchen faucet from Gemini Bath & Kitchen Products features a flexible spout in Brilliant Orange, Pigeon Blue, Kashmir Beige or Satin Black. The faucet also features a chrome finish and the hygienic, water-saving Trigon system.
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Universal Design. Awareness of the need for universally designed products has increased dramatically in the past several years, states Schrage. "This awareness has focused attention on many products already in the marketplace whose features and benefits may not have been noticed or appreciated before," she notes.

Because many consumers are choosing to "age in place," product designs need to be inviting, according to Dave Domanski, senior industrial designer for Moen, in North Olmsted, OH. "This not only requires them to be simple to use, but also stylish," he says.

"When it comes to kitchen faucets, this translates into handles that are approachable and communicate their function, as well as forms that are easy to clean."

Among the designs getting a second look with regard to Universal Design are single-lever style and touchless faucets.

However, stresses Domanski, it isn't all about function. "Products aimed at assisting the aging population must maintain a fresh visual appeal and be current with other décor style trends to avoid stigmatizing a person's health and safety needs in the home," he remarks. And that's where finish plays a significant role.

FINISH LINE

While chrome, stainless and satin nickel are still the most popular, other finishes are also coming into play as homeowners look for items that can personalize their spaces.

Oil-rubbed bronze has captured market share in recent years, doubling its numbers in the past few years, according to Domanski.

Rottinghaus sees trends moving toward more natural and organic finishes, like oil-rubbed bronze and antique copper hammered. "They add a subtle warmth and interest to the kitchen," she offers.

Emens, however, notes that she's seeing a lot less oil-rubbed bronze faucets and more interest in faucets with color accents. Blanco is experiencing early success with its color accent faucets as well. "These are metal faucets with color Silgranit accents that match the sink color," she explains. "They blend in while they stand out." Another plus – they show fewer fingerprints. "If you're staying put, cleanability becomes more and more important."

"We are noticing increasing popularity of solid black finish faucets," adds Joseph Hutko, marketing manager for Everpure, in Milwaukee, WI.

CONSERVATIVE THINKING

One factor that's impacting faucet choices is water-saving capabilities. Although water-saving standards for the kitchen are not yet mandated, several manufacturers are already moving in that direction. When it comes to flow rates, most faucets meet the industry standard of 2.2 gallons per minute (gpm), but some take it a step further.

Delta has developed pull-out kitchen sprays and wands with Multi-Flow technology that provides consumers with a choice of water flow rates based on



21 | The Single Combo sink from Dawn Kitchen & Bath Products is accessorized with a removable plastic divider. The sink is made with 16-gauge 304 stainless steel.
Circle No. 185 on Product Card



22 | California Faucet's Santa Barbara series sports a clean, single-hole design and n-turn ceramic disc valves. Shown in English Rubbed Bronze, a PVD finish similar to Oil Rubbed Bronze, the faucet adds a rustic look to a bar environment. It is available in more than 34 finishes.
Circle No. 186 on Product Card



23 | The cast iron kitchen sink from Kallista is a dual-basin model that allows for single-hole kitchen faucets, with additional drillings to fit a soap lotion dispenser and side spray. Made from 93 percent recycled or reclaimed materials, the sink measures 33" (L) and 9" (D).
Circle No. 187 on Product Card



24 | The LOT Water Dispenser from Dornbracht was created by Sieger Design. The dispenser is available in both stand-alone hot water and hot-and-cold water models. The water dispensers are designed for use with InSinkErator's water filter and tank set.
Circle No. 188 on Product Card



25 | InSinkErator presents its Indulge Series of instant hot water dispensers, which includes two models: Tuscan (pictured) and Antique. Both styles are traditionally styled and available in hot/cool and hot-only water models. They are available in 11 finishes.
Circle No. 189 on Product Card

Product Trend Report



26 | Herbeau's Luberon, a French Provencal-inspired handcrafted fireclay sink, is now available in nine high-gloss colors including Saffron and Steel. Twelve handpainted pattern finishes are also available. The Luberon measures 30"x19"x10"D.

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27 | The Micro Series of undermount sinks from Ukinox, featuring the company's 'micro' radius corners, are constructed of 18-gauge stainless steel. The sinks are 10" deep and include a 15"x16" single bowl and 32"x18" double bowl; other sizes are available.

Circle No. 191 on Product Card



28 | Grohe's K7 faucet is a professional-style unit that is offered in a single-lever mixer, a two-hole faucet and a single-lever mixer with pull-out handspray. The company's Speed Clean technology prevents lime build-up in the aerators and nozzles.

Circle No. 192 on Product Card



29 | Created in partnership with Phoenix Design, Duravit's Cassia ceramic sink features a draining board that can double as a prep area. Available in three built-in versions, Cassia is composed of Duravit's patented DuraCerma ceramic. Its profile is designed to reduce splashes.

Circle No. 193 on Product Card

30 | The Talis S Beverage Faucet is part of Hansgrohe's line of Zuvo Water Filtration System-compatible faucets. Compliant with new low-lead legislation, the faucets have low-pressure mechanisms that slow the water flow to ensure maximum filtering from the Zuvo unit. The Talis S is available in Chrome or Steel Optik finishes.

Circle No. 194 on Product Card



the task at hand. For ordinary tasks, the standard flow rate is a water-efficient 1.5 gpm for spray and stream modes, a savings of up to 32% over the industry standard of 2.2 gpm. A push button on the underside of the wand boosts the flow of the aerated stream from water-efficient to full flow when more water is needed. The user can then press the toggle button to return to the standard 1.5 flow rate.

Elkay has also added an array of low-flow kitchen faucet options and all of its existing faucets exceed the national requirements for lead-free design and meet the national standard for water conservation of 2.2 gpm. "We also offer faucets that are California AB1953 and Vermont S152 compliant," says Rottinghaus.

Meeting stringent state regulations is becoming another huge trend in faucets. Danze recently converted its entire line of kitchen faucets over to meet the low-lead requirements of California and Vermont legislation.

Nantucket Sinks' faucets are California code compliant for lead and the company will continue to pursue high-efficiency faucets for the future, according to Drew.

Kohler has increased its portfolio of water-saving and environmentally friendly products over the past few years, according to Schrage, and is now offering water-savings products in all of the categories within the EPA WaterSense program.

While the industry seems to be in agreement on the importance of water conservation, "Unnecessary regulation on water flow, for instance, is not always the most productive way to encourage thoughtful water use,"

says Rohl. "Educating consumers on options that are also environmentally sensitive is key."

FILTERING THE FACTS

One of those options is filtering systems. Consumers are realizing the health and environmental benefits of incorporating a fully integrated filtration system into their kitchens, and education is an important component of this trend.

As a growing segment of the population becomes more aware of the environmental impact of plastic bottles in landfills and waterways, company's such as Everpure continue to innovate with new filtration products that will reduce bacteria, viruses and chemicals that may be in residential drinking water.

"We are definitely seeing an increased demand for drinking water systems for residential use," says Hutko. "We see this market continuing to grow in North America and globally for the foreseeable future."

Rohl believes that consumers also need to be educated on the filter systems themselves. "Not all filtration options are necessarily healthy," he says. "Reverse osmosis, for instance, can pull important, good minerals out of water, reducing the healthy benefits to teeth and bones." He adds that it's also important to look at whether a filtration system is truly integrated or if the water is still subject to contamination.

GET IN SINK

When it comes to kitchen sinks, stainless steel continues to command the largest percentage of the U.S. market



31 | Cifal USA's traditional-style Highlands Kitchen Faucet collection features an all-brass, ceramic-disc cartridge and is available in eight finishes including weathered and satin nickel.

Circle No. 195 on Product Card



32 | Lenova's first undermounted Bamboo Apron Front Kitchen Sink has an equal double-bowl design. The sink is constructed of fully matured Moso bamboo with SGS-certified safe binding adhesives and a water-resistant topcoat.

Circle No. 196 on Product Card



33 | The KWC EVE kitchen faucet, previously available only in Chrome or Stainless Steel finishes, is now available in Glacier White or Black Chrome-plated (pictured). The EVE has a height of 16-1/2" and comes with the company's LUMINAQUA LED-technology.

Circle No. 197 on Product Card



34 | Mila International offers a contemporary style flush-mount sink for seamless countertop-and-sink transition. Produced with 16-gauge 304 stainless steel, the sink also offers the option of self-rimming or undermount installation.

Circle No. 198 on Product Card



35 | The Natalia from Gessi is an Italian-inspired single-lever kitchen faucet. Designed to complement contemporary and transitional styles, the faucet contrasts a long arch with a solid geometric base. It is available in Polished Chrome and Satin Nickel finishes.

Circle No. 199 on Product Card

Product Trend Report



36 | The 33" Antique Copper single-basin sink from Premier Copper Products is made of 14-gauge, 99.7% copper. Hand-hammered, each sink is patinaed by hand through exposing the copper to fire. Copper has antibacterial and antifungal properties, and can be recycled.
Circle No. 200 on Product Card



37 | SpecialtyStainless.com now offers a Farmer Style stainless steel countertop with two integral stainless square corner sinks, a raised marine edge to minimize water runoff and a creased drainboard for added work space, which also features a full-front stainless steel apron.
Circle No. 201 on Product Card



38 | Graff's Oscar kitchen faucet features a contemporary style in three different looks – solid chrome or combinations of either chrome and black or Steelnox and black. The deck-mounted faucet features a pull-down spray/stream configuration.
Circle No. 202 on Product Card



39 | Strom Plumbing by Sign of the Crab has introduced a reproduction of the original farmhouse drainboard sink. The 5' reproduction, constructed of porcelain over cast iron, features a deep sink well and drainboard areas flanking both sides.
Circle No. 203 on Product Card



40 | Designed to evoke a Renaissance palazzo or Mission-style Hacienda, the High Arc Faucet from Franke Luxury Products Group is a dual spray pull-down with an all-stainless steel hose. The high arc spout allows more clearance for large pots; the unit is available in three finishes: Chrome, Satin Nickel and Old World Bronze.
Circle No. 204 on Product Card

41 | The two-handle Carrington Kitchen Faucet from Symmons is an extension of the company's Carrington Bath Collection. The faucet features cross handles with a swivel spout, and is available in Chrome (pictured), Radiance Satin Nickel and Stainless Steel finishes. A matching sidespray is also available to complete the suite.
Circle No. 205 on Product Card



with an approximate 69% overall share as compared to granite, vitreous china, acrylics and other materials, according to statistics provided by Ken Fey, v.p./COO for Houzer, in New Brunswick, NJ. "The entire kitchen sink market in the U.S. hovers annually at approximately 4.9 million units and \$935 million at distributor costs," reports Fey. "Stainless steel sinks command approximately 3.3 million units and over \$500 million in market share."

One of the many reasons for this, according to Fey, is that "stainless steel is an extremely hygienic material, perfectly matched in a sanitary environment where foods are prepared. It also ages very nicely with heavy use, and scratches can be buffed out fairly easily going in the direction of the grain."

While stainless steel will always be popular, to really differentiate a kitchen design, some consumers are looking at alternative materials such as fireclay and copper.

"An alternative material is often used for the prep, or secondary sink, to add interest and warmth," says Naomi Nelson Howard, CEO/founder of Native Trails, in San Luis Obispo, CA.

"The feedback we receive when customers are contemplating a fireclay, copper or stainless steel farm sink is the cohesion in the overall kitchen design," adds Drew. As a result, designers will use panels on built-ins to create a consistent or complementary appearance. "In these applications you may find more bold accessory accents such as oil-rubbed bronze," he says.

While stainless still controls the market, the

composite granite market continues to grow, according to Emens. "Granite sinks are accessible in price, while offering long-term durability and quality," she says.

As part of Elkay's ongoing effort to provide more color options within the kitchen, the company now offers 19 sink finishes, including stainless steel, antique copper hammered and composite materials such as e-granite, as well as faucets offered in 18 different finish options ranging from stainless steel and copper to black and white.

"For Elkay, residential sinks are most often ordered in stainless steel, followed by composite materials like e-granite, hammered copper, and fine fireclay," says Rottinghaus.

Houzer continues to see a preference for larger single-bowl kitchen sinks, without any divider. This permits room for larger cooking items such as cookie sheets or oversized pots and pans.

Another strong trend, according to Fey, is custom fitted chopping boards and rinse baskets that work with the kitchen sink. "This allows for temporary workstations over the sink, making cleanup much easier and containing any errant food scraps, etc.," says Fey. The Houzer product line has dramatically increased both larger single-bowl units as well as accessories in response to this trend.

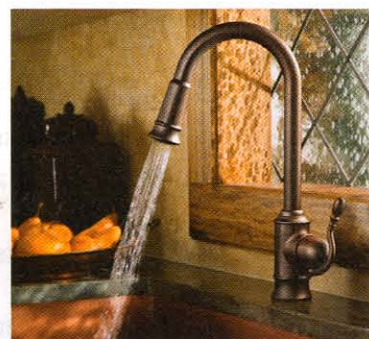
For sinks, the key is adding functionality without adding too much depth, according to Emens. "Deep sinks are wonderful for fitting in pots, but they also are difficult for older homeowners," she says. "Multi-level sinks offer the best of both worlds."
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42 | Diamond Spas' double bowl stainless steel apron sink is handcrafted and hand-buffed. Designed to reflect a traditional style, each apron sink is custom fabricated. Constructed of recycled sheet metal, the sink measures 36"x19"x10".
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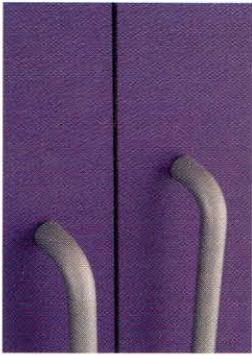
43 | The Round Corner Sink from Griffirm Innovations features soft covered sides and bottom. Available in many standard sizes and configurations, the units are custom constructed of DuPont Corian and can be fabricated in most of that product's color palette.
Circle No. 207 on Product Card



44 | The Woodmere pull-down faucet from ShowHouse by Moen features a high-arc spout and S-shaped handle. ADA-compliant, the pull-down wand features three functions – pause/spray/stream – with a unique patented pause button.
Circle No. 208 on Product Card



45 | The Oliveri 1100 Professional Series of undermount sinks from Tasman Sinkware are designed to complement contemporary kitchens with stainless steel appliances. The Pro Series comprises a range of large capacity sizes fabricated from 16-gauge stainless steel.
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Laminates Extend Product Offering

Abet Laminati offers Volume II, a collection of 284 new laminates. The addition brings Abet's offering to 692 laminates, including: solid colors, woodgrains, metals, patterns and textured designs, plus veneers.

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www.abetlaminati.com

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Board Storage System Organizes Food Prep

The Prestige Chef's Box from The Grothouse Lumber Co. is a classically designed solid wood custom cutting and serving board storage system. The product's box joint case stores five boards that feature topography that can be customized based on the intended use. Laser engraving identifies the individual trays when stored.

The Prestige Chef's Box can be fabricated from over 60 species of wood, including FSC woods and bamboo. The exterior is finished with Durata permanent finish, and the boards are coated with an edible food grade oil finish, safe for direct chopping.



www.glumber.com

Circle No. 153 on Product Card



Hardware Softens Contemporary Lines

Amerock has added new pulls in a variety of sizes to complement the clean, sleek look of its Essential'Z collection. The arc of the handle is designed to balance the strong lines of modern décor. The decorative hardware collection is available in the classic satin nickel finish.

www.amerock.com

Circle No. 155 on Product Card



Hinge Line Features Variety of Configurations

Blum's CLIP top Blumotion

line of hinges has the Blumotion soft-close built into the hinge cup for a discreet look. The line includes the standard 100-degree hinge in overlay, twin and inset with screw-on, press-in, Expando and Inserta attachments, as well as CLIP top Blumotion versions of a thick door hinge, inset blind corner hinge, narrow aluminum hinge and a complete angled hinge program.

www.blum.com

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Hardware Displays Classic Style

The Browning and Shelley Collections of decorative hardware from Atlas Homewares are named for two of England's most well-known romantic poets. Both collections feature three pieces – a knob and two sizes of pulls – and reflect simple shapes and soft curves without excess ornamentation. The hardware is available in brushed or polished nickel, as well as Venetian bronze.



www.atlashomewares.com

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Interior Closet System Insert Provides Motorized Access

The ShoeSelect from StorageMotion is an interior closet system that provides easy access to multiple pairs of shoes. Designed to be installed in a cabinet with the lowest shelf at shoulder level, the motorized unit revolves vertically at the touch of a button. ShoeSelect is available in two models – a Shoe Box Style Cubby and the Side by Side design – in a variety of finishes.

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