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Add a splash of color to your kitchen with these cheerful, period-friendly finds.

Making Lemonade

During the 1930s, homeowners battled the economic blues by covering their kitchens with cheerful wallpaper, often patterned with flowers or fruit. Why not follow suit during these tough times with York Wallcoverings' modern spin on kitchen kitsch? Their Bistro 750 Collection features a variety of whimsical wallpapers, like these juicy green and yellow striped, polka-dotted, and gingham lemons, which are an ideal vintage-inspired addition to a mid-20th-century kitchen. \$43 per single roll. Call (800) 375-9675, or visit yorkwall.com.



High Style

If you're looking for an all-purpose faucet for a period-inspired kitchen, you can't beat a gooseneck design. Dating back to the earliest days of indoor plumbing, gooseneck faucets married elegant style with practicality—their high-arching shape was designed to easily accommodate pots and pans underneath—making them popular through the early 20th century. Pfister's new Ainsley faucet replicates the gooseneck's traditional styling while adding modern must-haves like a matching side spray. Available in either a stainless steel or polished chrome finish (shown). From \$119. Call (800) 732-8238, or visit pfisterfaucets.com.



On the Wall

When the first wall oven was introduced in the late 1940s, the appliance became a must-have for mid-century houses—and it's made a comeback in recent years. The new Northstar wall oven from Elmira Stove Works bridges the best of yesterday and today: retro styling that looks right at home in a mid-century kitchen, plus features beloved by modern-day at-home chefs, like convection and electric self-cleaning. Best of all, it's available in the company's nine '50s-inspired colors, including Candy Red (shown), Buttercup Yellow, and Robin's Egg Blue, or in a custom color. \$2,995. Call (800) 295-8498, or visit elmirastoveworks.com.



Tangerine Dream

Homes in the 1960s were all about eye-popping colors—so if you're redoing a kitchen in a mid-century ranch or split-level, don't be afraid to go bright. Pyrolave's glazed lava-stone countertops are super-durable—they can withstand heat, chemicals, stains, and UV rays—and come in several groovy colors, including lime green, mustard yellow, turquoise, and orange. As a result of their high-temperature firing, the countertops have a slightly crazed finish that lends a hint of patina. \$250 to \$350 per square foot. Visit pyrolave.com.

