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period products

BY CLARE MARTIN

Period-appropriate but cutting-edge kitchen products, plus traditional add-ons for the garden.

Faucet Fix

Like most items in the kitchen, faucets are becoming increasingly high-tech, boasting loads of convenience-minded features. The only problem? Most of these modern faucets come in equally modern forms that are out of sync with historic homes. Not so for Jaclo's Steam Valve Original faucet: Its deck-mounted bridge design, curved gooseneck, and porcelain lever handles are turn-of-the-century perfect, and the latest and greatest faucet features—like a pull-out sprayer—are all there, too. As shown, \$1,675. Call (800) 852-3906, or visit jaclo.com.



Canterbury Tales

When you don't have the budget (or patience) for an entire kitchen overhaul, the next best option is to start with the smaller details. The easiest and cheapest place to begin? Cabinet hardware—the more distinctive, the better. Fortunately, Atlas Homewares' Canterbury collection packs a lot of decorative punch in a small package. Inspired by the heraldic imagery of medieval England, the intricate detailing and shiny enamel finishes on the knobs and pulls will add instant pizzazz to kitchens in homes derived from the same period (think Tudor and Gothic Revivals). \$11 to \$15 each. Call (800) 799-6755, or visit atlashomewares.com.



Glass Action

For most old-house owners, the word "debris" conjures a variety of not-so-pleasant images: that stuff clogging up your gutters, old paint flaking off a rotting window, the detritus after you've removed those "updated" particleboard cabinets from the kitchen. But in the hands of the folks at Fireclay Tile, "debris" takes on a whole new meaning. Their Debris Series tile is made from recycled glass bottles using centuries-old methods. The tile is available in 112 different colors and a variety of shapes, sizes, and glaze finishes, making it easy to customize countertops and backsplashes in a range of old-house kitchens. From \$23.40 per square foot. Call (408) 275-1182, or visit fireclaytile.com.



Georgian Peach

Restoring kitchens in Colonial houses is always a challenge, given that kitchens as we know them today simply didn't exist back then. Plain & Fancy's new Georgian Cottage cabinet suite helps bridge the gap

between the 18th and 21st centuries by incorporating signature Georgian details—egg-and-dart molding, graceful arches, and classical proportions—into cabinetry built for modern kitchens. Convenience features like customized tray organizers come hidden behind a distressed crackle finish that provides an instantly aged appearance. For pricing and specifications, call (800) 447-9006, or visit plainfancycabinetry.com.