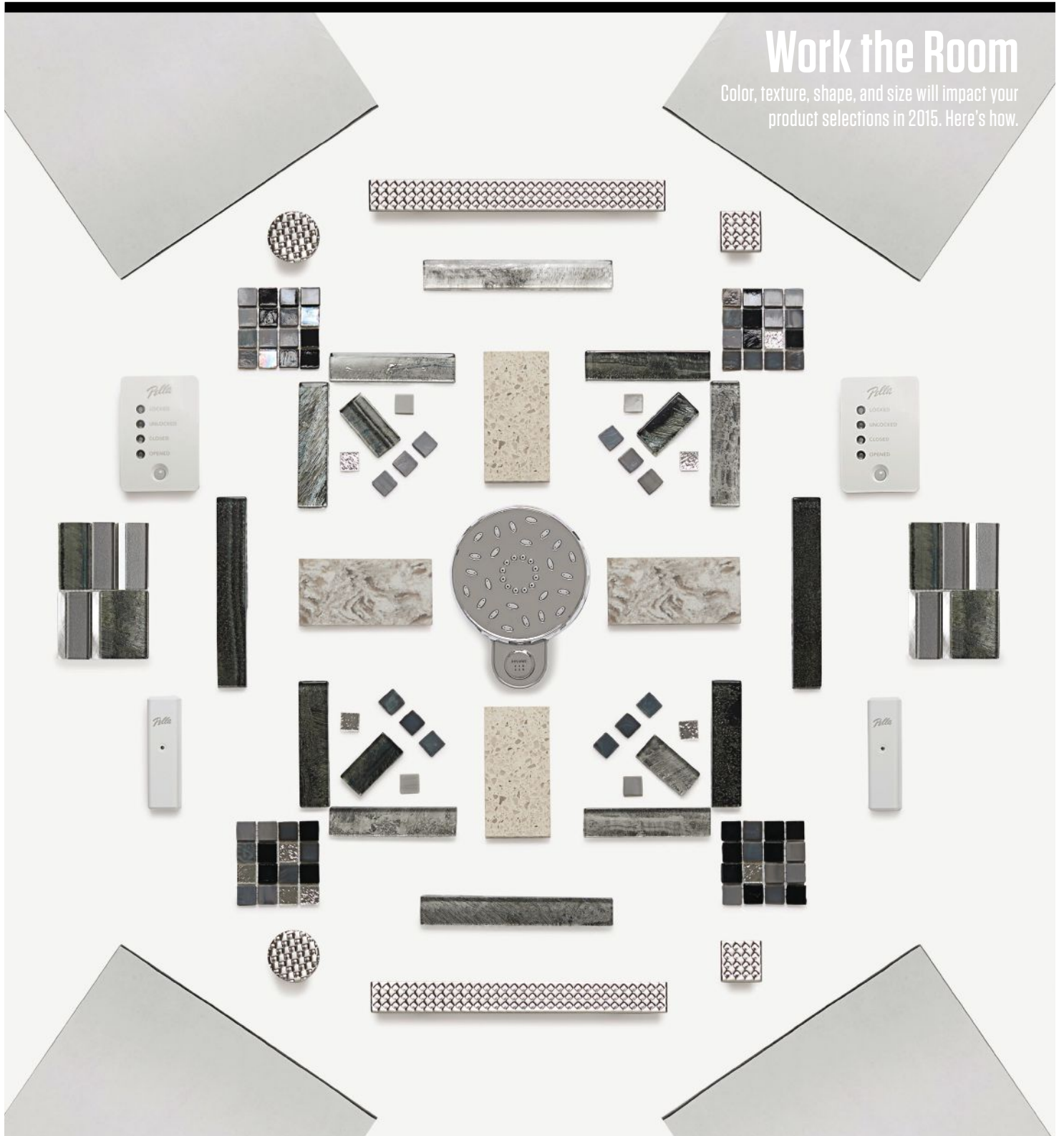


# remodeling

YOUR TOOLBOX FOR SUCCESS

## Work the Room

Color, texture, shape, and size will impact your product selections in 2015. Here's how.



# Texture in the Kitchen

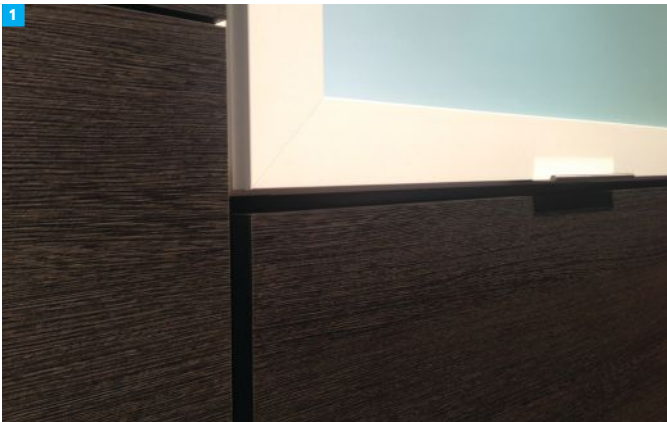
You've done the two-toned cabinet thing. Start playing with texture in kitchen design for added dimension.

**Designers spend their days** culling the products world for just the right pieces to please their clients and satisfy their project vision. What looks good on paper or in paint swatches comes to life in 3D with samples of flooring, tile, and door fronts. And 3D is exactly where kitchen design is going, according to Andy Wells, vice president of product design for MasterBrand.

"People are getting confident in expressing their personal design preferences," Wells said during a tour of the MasterBrand

booth at the 2015 Kitchen & Bath Industry Show. "Home is an expression of self, and we have the capability of texture and color to move that forward." Indeed, Wells says texture—that 3D element that brings a tactile element to design—provides a great opportunity for designers to enhance kitchen projects.

To that end, we've pulled together five texturally diverse products for you to consider in your upcoming projects. Try them on and see how they feel.



## 1. GREAT GRAINING

Based on Wells' comments, it's no surprise that Masterbrand has texture in its plans for cabinet fronts in some of its product lines. The Diamond brand will introduce the Tranter Textured Horizontal Grain Laminate in fall 2015, shown here in the obsidian finish. [diamondcabinets.com](http://diamondcabinets.com)

stainless steel option tone resulting from a unique anodizing process. Perth Penny Rounds can be used in wet or dry settings, but are not recommended for countertops, floors, steam showers, or submerged areas. [maniscalcostone.com](http://maniscalcostone.com)



## 2. MIXED MEDIA

Distressed wood and hammered metals come together in the Evan six-light pendant from Kichler. The center column anchors the piece with a furniture-style post, while the lighter wood tones and anvil iron detailing can coordinate with numerous other finishes and fixtures used throughout the kitchen and adjoining spaces. [kichler.com](http://kichler.com)

## 4. FARMHOUSE FLOOR

From the Century Farm collection, Armstrong's 5-inch wide plank engineered hardwood in walnut features a hand-scraped finish and attractive graining for both visual and tactile texture. Shown here in Fallen Leaf, the low-gloss floor features pillowed ends and edges. Other available species include hickory, birch, cherry, and maple, in a range of tones from warm to cool. [armstrong.com](http://armstrong.com)



## 3. PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Shine is a texture too, and Perth Penny Rounds from Maniscalco Stone have plenty of it. The mosaic tiles were created using a special process, incorporating sheet-metal caps tightly laminated to a porcelain tile body. Designers can choose from copper or stainless steel in polished, brushed, and stippled finishes. Or be daring with a black

## 5. HOLD ON

Cabinet hardware is an easy way to add texture without being obtrusive. DuVerre's Argyle collection is made from recycled aluminum and comes in oil-rubbed bronze, antique brass, and satin nickel finishes. The tactile collection comprises round and square knobs, and 5¾- and 9-inch pulls. The hardware is all hand-finished allowing for subtle color variations to add to the effect. [duverre.com](http://duverre.com)



# Home Products for Furry Family Members

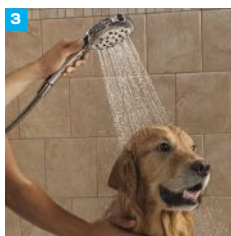
Expect the pet-friendly design trend to continue in 2015

**Americans love Fluffy and Fido.** According to recent research by the American Pet Products Association, 68% of U.S. households have at least one pet, and pet industry spending for 2014 was estimated at \$58 billion. Both Houzz and the National Association of Home Builders have reported home design trends that incorporate pet needs, and Moen found that 47% of American pet owners bathe their pets at home, while only 6% go to a groomer. Not surprisingly, this pet love has extended into the remodeling industry. “The pet industry was not hit during the recession,”

says Jeanne Caples, founder of Bathtubs for Pets. “People were staying home and spending more time with their pets,” resulting in more requests for in-home products.

MTI Baths developed its Jentle Pet product because of the trend. “We actually saw this direction developing back in 2006,” says marketing director Michael Kornowa. “More and more homeowners are building in dedicated spaces for their pets.”

Recognizing the trend, manufacturers are responding by offering more products.



## 1. PAMPERED PUP

MTI Baths' Jentle Pet provides a soothing way keep dogs clean. The tubs are available in two sizes to accommodate larger or smaller pets, and can be ordered as a soaking tub or a whirlpool configuration. Installation is the same as any bathtub, and an electrical hook-up is required for the whirlpool. Choose from 12 tub colors and three hardware finishes to fit a variety of home decor styles.

The tub itself has an extra layer of insulation, reducing the sound of falling water, which can scare dogs. Massage jets, part of the whirlpool option, are therapeutic for older dogs with arthritis or animals recovering from injuries. The tub's non-porous cast acrylic surface is stain-, mildew-, and scratch-resistant. [mtibaths.com](http://mtibaths.com)

## 2. DOOR CONTROL

Lowe's Iris home control system includes an upgraded PetSafe doggy door, which can be installed in almost any door or wall. The door measures 16 inches long by 11 inches wide and comes in white, but can be painted to match existing decor. Only pets wearing a special Iris "smartkey" on their collar can go in and out; up to five pets can be

programmed to use the door. [lowes.com](http://lowes.com)

## 3. TWIST AND SHOWER

Handheld showerheads make bathing pets easier. Twist by Moen has four different spray patterns: full coverage spray; heavy mist spray; soft, heavy rinse; and strong, focused spray. Users can switch between these with one hand by swiveling the showerhead around the handle and pushing the Soft Grip thumb pad, all while keeping one hand on the pet. Choose from chrome, brushed nickel, and oil-rubbed bronze finishes. [moen.com](http://moen.com)

## 4. CLASSY CLEANING

Bathtubs for Pets offers a professional-grade bathing station at home. The tub's developer, Forever Stainless Steel, has served the pet service industry for 15 years with 14-gauge stainless steel stand-alone bath tubs for animals. The tubs can be installed anywhere there is a water hook-up. A hair-catching system stops hair and debris before they clog pipes, and non-slip mats provide comfort while the pet stands in the tub. This stand-alone option works for both single-family and multifamily homes. [foreverstainlesssteel.com](http://foreverstainlesssteel.com)