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Antbea ceramic tile is inspired by elegant wallpaper-style designs.

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Jewelry for Cabinets

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Decorative cabinet hardware is often referred to as “jewelry for cabinets.” Most likely you have noticed how a great necklace can set off a dress to its best advantage. In the same way, the hardware you select has a significant design impact on your cabinets. It will either enhance their appearance, or do just the opposite. Therefore, it is important not to make hardware selection a last minute decision. Take the time to consider whether the hardware is simply calling attention to itself, or is it intensifying the beauty of the cabinets.

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Baldwin Hardware introduces five new families to its hardware portfolio

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Harbour Towne Construction provides a **five-year warranty** on all of our projects. As part of a proactive program to catch any potential issues early, we call our clients six months after project completion and again at two years to schedule an inspection of the work. We visually inspect for water leaks, caulk and grout failure or any other items that might cause problems in the future.

We recently went back to a large, three-story garage addition project to tighten up some locks and remove the meter base from the old electrical service entrance. This was done as part of our six-month, post-job check-up program. The loose locks were a result of normal wear and tear from use, and the meter base removal on the far side of the house was because of an oversight from the original electrician.

If you know someone looking for a contractor who builds it right the first time and is confident enough to offer the peace of mind that comes with a **five-year warranty**, have them call Tom at Harbour Towne Construction. 770-455-1930

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Hardware is also one of the ways you can personalize your cabinets. The old rules that everything has to match no longer apply. Today, everything is about mixing it up; finding things that you love and pulling it all together to express your own personal style. How refreshing it is to know that no one else will bring together the exact same combination of cabinets and pulls that you choose for your kitchen.

Hardware designers and manufacturers have been following this trend for eclecticism, and it has influenced their latest collections. We asked PJ Rosch, brand manager for Baldwin Hardware, what are the overall directions for decorative cabinet hardware. "One of the biggest trends we're seeing across all generations of buyers is a need



Three new transitional patterns in the Chateau Collection by Top Knobs

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Modern Metro is a new addition to Top Knobs' Stainless Steel Collection

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Cairo is one of four new collections from Hardware Resources

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to personalize the home. This may mean teaming a sleek, modern pull with a traditional finish, such as brass, or a traditionally, detailed knob in a modern finish such as polished nickel. Eclectic interiors are thriving in interior design, and we expect homeowners to continue to push the intersection of modern and traditional aesthetics." Warren Ramsland, president of Top Knobs, concurs. "Right now it's all going contemporary/transitional. Brushed satin nickel, polished chrome finishes are hot. Textured shapes. It's modern, but not minimal."

Another important aspect to consider when choosing cabinet hardware is how it feels to your hand when you grasp a knob or a pull. You want the hardware to fit the size of your hand and be comfortable to your touch. Test out your selections. If you dislike the sensation of sharp edges or rough surfaces, you should continue your search. Also, make certain that the hardware projects out from the cabinet far enough to protect the cabinet finish from sharp fingernails or oil from your fingers, which over time can damage the look of your cabinets.



Botero is Du Verre Hardware's latest introduction

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