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Equipping your kitchen with the right tools makes meal prep and clean up a breeze

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1. Handcrafted in Italy, Ruvati's Fiamma fireclay sink boasts an apron front and a double bowl configuration that can be positioned on the corner of a kitchen island. Available through Building Concepts, Branford, buildingconceptsct.com, ruvati.com. 2. True Residentials' 48-inch glass-door refrigerator is part of its Build Your True collection, offering custom finishes and hardware, shown here in a cobalt blue finish with brass hardware. Available through Aitoro, Norwalk, aitoro. com, true-residential.com. 3. The newest brand from Sub-Zero and Wolf, Cove dishwashers offer near-silent operation with internet connectivity to activate the cycle from a mobile device. Three spray arms, 43 jets and a four-stage filtration system assure complete cleaning. Available through Clarke, South Norwalk, clarkeliving.com, subzero-wolf.com. 4. Chef Center by Franke expands the capabilities of the kitchen sink into a prep and entertaining station. Two antimicrobial compartments can serve as a composter, wine bucket or storage bin, and custom accessories include an optional cutting board, colander and sink grid. Available through Bender, Norwalk, benderplumbing.com, franke.com. 5. Artesso from Brizo is a singlehand articulating faucet with smart touch technology, shown here in a Luxe Gold finish. Available through Bender, Norwalk, benderplumbing. com, brizo.com. 6. Gaggenau's Vario 400 series of cooling units are fully integrated. The built-in modular refrigerator, freezer and wine cabinet feature handleless doors. Available through Aitoro, Norwalk, aitoro.com, gaggenau.com. 7. The Café Matte collection of customizable appliances sports a sophisticated matte finish in white or black, accented with a choice of hardware in brushed bronze, stainless, copper or black, Available through County TV & Appliance, countyty.com, cafeappliances.com. 8. Italian based Officine Gullo presents a new collection of solid brass kitchen taps, including this top-mounted bridge gooseneck in burnished brass. Officine Gullo showroom, NYC, officinegullo.com. 9. Formica's true-to-scale scanning technology, 180fx, reproduces the look of granite, stone and woodgrains in a large-scale laminate. Nero Marquina is patterned after a black marble with white veining originating from Spain. Available through Ring's End, Darien, ringsend.com, formica.com. 10. Designed to accommodate large pots and pans, the Pekoe apron-front sink from American Standard sports a large single basin in 18-gauge stainless steel and is available in either 30- or 33-inch sizes. Available at Frank Webb Home, Stamford, frankwebb.com, americanstandard.com. 11. The Purist semi-professional kitchen faucet from Kohler with a simple-to-use, single-lever handle is ideal for home cooks. The sweep spray delivers superior cleaning performance and boost technology increases the flow rate with the press of a button for faster filling and powerful rinsing. Shown here in matte black. Available through Best Plumbing Tile & Stone, Stamford, bestplg.com, kohler.com.



