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KBB READERS'
CHOICE
AWARDS 2020
WINNERS



• **OVERCOMING
UNEXPECTED
CHALLENGES**

• **ITALIAN DESIGN
TRENDS TODAY
& TOMORROW**

1 COOKING APPLIANCES

Bosch
GE
KitchenAid

Thermador
Wolf

Criteria: Energy Efficiency, Design/Style, Ease of Cleaning

2 DISHWASHERS

Bosch
GE

KitchenAid
Miele

Criteria: Energy Efficiency, Integration into Cabinetry, Design/Style

3 REFRIGERATION APPLIANCES

GE
KitchenAid

LG
Sub-Zero

Criteria: Energy Efficiency, Integration into Cabinetry, Design/Style

4 KITCHEN FLOORING

Armstrong
Flooring
Artistic Tile

Daltile
Walker Zanger

Criteria: Style/Aesthetics, Durability

5 KITCHEN FAUCETS

Brizo
Delta Faucet
Company
Grohe

Hansgrohe
Kohler Co.
Moen

Criteria: Water Efficiency, Style/Aesthetics/Finish

6 KITCHEN CABINETS

Ikea
Kraftmaid
Omega
Poggenpohl

Wellborn
Cabinet, Inc.
Wood-Mode Fine
Custom Cabinetry

Criteria: Craftsmanship/Design/Style, Door Styles/Finishes, Ability to Customize/Modify, Construction Quality

7 KITCHEN COUNTERTOPS

Caesarstone
Cambria
Dekton by
Cosentino

Dupont Corian
Silestone

Criteria: Stain & Heat Resistance, Style/Aesthetics

8 KITCHEN SINKS

American Standard
Blanco
Elkay Sinks
+ Faucets

Franke
Kohler Co.

Criteria: Installation Type, Stain Resistance/Durability, Configuration/Style/Aesthetics

9 KITCHEN VENTILATION

BROAN
Vent-A-Hood

Wolf
Zephyr

Criteria: Effectiveness, Noise Level

10 KITCHEN ACCESSORIES

Blum
Häfele
America Co.

Hardware
Resources
Rev-A-Shelf

Criteria: Style/Design, Organizational & Functional Ability, Local Availability, Support from Supplier/Manufacturer, Price Point for Typical Client Budget

11 BATH CABINETS/VANITIES

Duravit
Fairmont Designs
James Martin
Vanities

Kohler Co.
Lenova
Wood-Mode Fine
Custom Cabinetry

Criteria: Craftsmanship/Design/Style/Aesthetics, Door Styles/Finishes, Ability to Customize/Modify, Construction Quality

12 BATH FLOORING

Ann Sacks
Armstrong
Flooring

Daltile
Walker Zanger

Criteria: Style/Aesthetics, Durability

13 BATH WALL COVERINGS

Ann Sacks
Daltile

Emser Tile
Walker Zanger

Criteria: Style/Design/Aesthetics, Durability

14 TUBS & WHIRLPOOLS

American
Standard
BainUltra

Jacuzzi
Luxury Bath
Kohler Co.
MTI Baths

Criteria: Style/Aesthetics

15 BATH SINKS

American
Standard
Hardware
Resources

Kohler Co.
Lenova
Stone Forest

Criteria: Style/Aesthetics, Durability

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I THINK WE SPEAK FOR EVERYONE when we say the past five months have been challenging. On a personal level, we worry about the safety of our loved ones, and on an industry level, the stress of how to evolve in the face of an ever-changing pandemic is a juggling act. As we look forward to the rest of the year, I am hopeful that we will come out stronger, more inventive and further inspired by our kitchen and bath industry peers.

Now in our eighth-consecutive year, our hope is that the following Readers' Choice Awards 2020 recipients inspire you to continue to innovate and evolve even in the face of adversity.

With more than 24,000 votes, readers chose their preferred brands across 25 product categories based on criteria, including – but not limited to:

- **Local availability**
- **Support they receive from the supplier/manufacturer**
- **Price point for their typical client budget**
- **Other specific criteria noted below each category**

Categories span all aspects of design. From style and material to price levels and quality, we make sure all categories represent the core of our industry.

Congratulations to our 2020 winners that continue to push our industry forward!

— Natasha Selhi, Publisher
Kitchen & Bath Business

16	TOILETS
American Standard Duravit	Kohler Co. TOTO USA, Inc.
Criteria: <i>Water Efficiency, Style/Aesthetics</i>	

17	BATH FAUCETS
Brizo Delta Faucet Company Hansgrohe	Kohler Co. Moen
Criteria: <i>Water Efficiency, Style/Aesthetics</i>	

18	SHOWER SYSTEMS
Brizo Delta Faucet Company Hansgrohe	Kohler Co. Moen
Criteria: <i>Water Efficiency, Style/Aesthetics</i>	

19	BATH VENTILATION
BROAN Delta Electronics	NuTone Panasonic
Criteria: <i>Effectiveness, Noise Level</i>	

20	BATH ACCESSORIES
Atlas Homewares BainUltra Infinity Drain	Kohler Co. MTI Baths Top Knobs
Criteria: <i>Style/Design, Ability to Coordinate with Fixtures</i>	

21	DECORATIVE HARDWARE
Amerock Atlas Homewares Jeffrey Alexander	Richelieu Top Knobs
Criteria: <i>Style/Aesthetics, Ability to Coordinate with Fixtures</i>	

22	FUNCTIONAL HARDWARE
Blum, Inc. Emtek Häfele America Co.	Rev-A-Shelf Richelieu
Criteria: <i>Style/Aesthetics</i>	

23	LIGHTING
Häfele America Co. Kichler Lutron	Richelieu Task Lighting
Criteria: <i>Style</i>	

24	LAUNDRY
GE Appliances LG	Maytag Whirlpool
Criteria: <i>Energy & Water Efficiency, Ability to be Built-In</i>	

25	DESIGN SOFTWARE
2020 Design Cadsoft	Chief Architect ProKitchen Software
Criteria: <i>Support from Provider, ROI, Ease of Use, Graphic Visualization</i>	

What's Hot in Vanities

1. **BERTCH** has introduced its walnut vanities in 12 stains and 25 door style combinations; shown here is the dawn stain and Interlude style. They are available in all standard bath vanity sizes and include matching linen wall cabinets, framed mirrors and medicine cabinets. MSRP ranges from \$850 to \$1,450, depending on the door style. www.bertch.com

2. The Newterra Vanity from **LACAVA** is hand-constructed with soft-close drawers, an open bottom shelf and matching pulls. The base is made of solid wood, with a counter and sink available in a variety of tones. Shown here is the vanity base in driftwood with the top and sink in the slate finish. MSRP ranges between \$3,380 and \$3,770. www.lacava.com

3. **DURAVIT** has collaborated with Sieger Design to create the Happy D.2 Plus C-Shaped Washbasin + Vanity. It is available with a ceramic, glossy-white outer edge in combination with any of the Happy D.2 or Happy D.2 Plus vanity units. The washbasins are available in three widths, 575 mm, 775 mm and 975 mm, and MSRP ranges from \$2,215 to \$5,245. www.duravit.us

4. From **ARTELINEA** and made in Italy, the Dama Collection of vanities is constructed almost completely of glass. It comes with customizable elements like outer and inner glass color options, as well as a deep drawer feature. Shown here with a mirror from the Primus Collection, the total vanity and sink have an MSRP of \$7,796. www.artelinea.it

5. Zoe from the **FURNITURE GUILD** is a mid-century modern vanity available in standard sizes from 24 to 27 inches wide with five different configurations. The vanity comes in wall-mounted and freestanding installations with more than 20 standard panel finish choices and eight metal finish options. Shown here is black oak with polished-nickel accents. MSRP is \$7,945. www.furnitureguild.com

6. **DRUMMONDS'** Buttermere Vanity is now available as a double unit. The bow front of the basin is echoed in the towel rail below, and the legs are cast in brass. The legs can be ordered in nine different finishes, including brushed brass shown here. MSRP is \$5,900. drummonds-uk.com

7. The Terra Waterfall Vanity from **MTI** allows the water to flow in a controlled manner as a waterfall down the right-hand side of the vanity into a floor-mounted drain. The vanity is constructed of MTI's proprietary SculptureStone solid stone material and has an MSRP of \$20,000. mtibaths.com

8. A new program from **HARDWARE RESOURCES'** Jeffrey Alexander brand features 11 vanity collections, 11 vanity top options and two bowl shapes in a variety of colors, veining and price points for more than 2,500 vanity combinations. The vanities range in width from 24 to 60 inches with soft-close features. Shown here is the Blue Chatham vanity in Hale Blue, which is listed at \$1,955, with the Calacatta Vienna top at \$1,864 and a rectangular sink at \$88.80. www.hardwareresources.com

