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## New Hardware Trends Include Antimicrobial Brass, Urban Simplicity and Sturdy Iron

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No longer simply utilitarian, today's door hardware is evolving. As something you touch every day, builders are realizing that hardware is just as integral in a room's theme as the flooring or lighting. But choosing the right hardware might seem a daunting task with so many options. Three brands – Nostalgic Warehouse, Grandeur Hardware and Ageless Iron – offer an extensive array of hardware options that are trending.

Avoiding germs and creating healthy living environments have become increasingly important during the coronavirus pandemic, especially when it comes to points of frequent contact like door handles. Copper and copper alloys like brass and bronze have long been known to have health benefits, including a natural ability to kill certain viruses on contact.



Nostalgic Warehouse now offers an unlacquered finish that unleashes the intrinsic protections of its brass hardware. The absence of a protective layer of lacquer allows the natural antibacterial properties of brass to thrive, helping

to create a more healthful environment by effectively reducing bacteria and germs on the hardware surfaces. The foundation for all of Nostalgic Warehouse's products is high-quality solid forged brass. It is exceedingly durable, suitable for high-traffic areas and easy to install on modern, pre-drilled doors.



Fifth Avenue -- known as one of the most luxurious streets in the world, this New York City thoroughfare is the perfect namesake for Grandeur Hardware's most popular collection. The Fifth Avenue line of knobs and plates was inspired by urbane style and has a simply chic silhouette

with a nearly universal appeal. This brand is known for the exceptional beauty and craftsmanship of its work. Forged from premium solid brass, the collection includes an assortment of back plates and knobs that can be mixed and matched to suit individual needs. The Fifth Avenue Collection includes a variety of configurations for exterior and interior doors, including passage, privacy, single and double dummy sets, tall plates, entrance sets and one-piece handle sets in a palette of finishes.



Another hardware that was built to resist the toll of time and Mother Nature is Ageless Iron. This line of hardware is crafted from hand-poured molten iron and transformed into exceptional knobs,

levers, plates and more that can withstand the elements while keeping its stunning black finish. Ageless Iron is remarkably durable – the company states the final powder coating has been tested to withstand 12 months of exposure to the most demanding climates and is both UV- and saltresistant. Each piece is sandblasted and deep-cleaned and then zinc-plated twice for superior corrosion resistance. The finished look will literally last for decades while maintaining its original beauty. Each piece comes with a five-year warranty.

Available at fine hardware retailers throughout Texas, these brands may also be purchased online at select websites.

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