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Kitchens for Cooks

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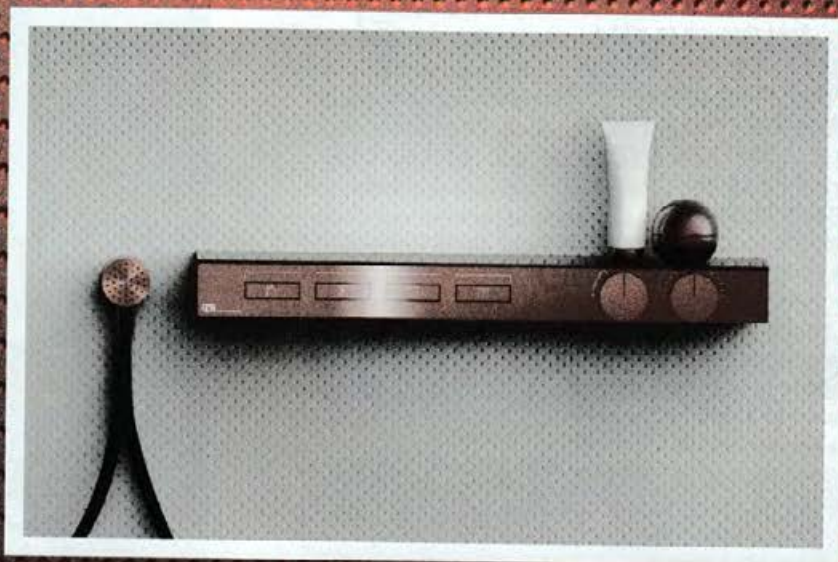
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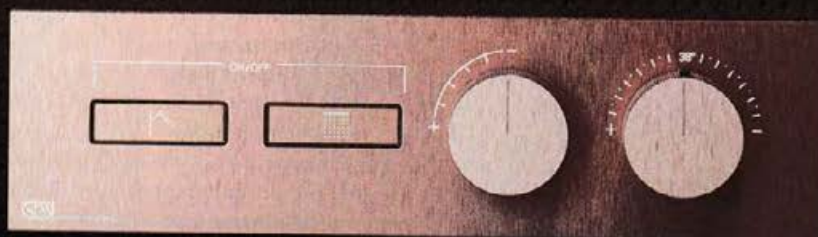
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NEW AND NOTABLE PRODUCTS



AUDIO-INSPIRED SHOWER FIXTURES

With design cues clearly taken from vintage stereo components, the Hi-Fi collection of thermostatic shower mixers from Italian manufacturer Gessi is a unique departure from more typical bathroom fixtures. Intuitive graphical markings make setting the shower a simple task, and the wide buttons and dials are designed as much for ergonomics as they are for a pleasant tactile experience. The mixers come in three varieties: flush-mounted square, flush-mounted rectangle, or a shallow shelf version that provides a convenient spot for shampoo and other bathing sundries. The Hi-Fi collection also includes matching wands, jets, and showerheads, all sharply styled to match the stereophonic theme. The shower mixers come in 12 handsome finishes and start at \$2500. —Rob Wotzak, digital brand manager



ELEGANTLY SIMPLE ILLUMINATION

With its gently curving shade and frosted-glass diffuser projecting a wide, soft radiance, the A1965 pendant by 20th-century Finnish lighting designer Paavo Tynell is a prime example of form following function. The spun-metal shade is dappled with tiny perforations, letting just enough light through to add a bit of sparkle to any room. Just over 18 in. in diameter, the lamp's shade is available in several colors of painted aluminum or in Tynell's signature material—polished brass. The adjustable-height A1965 pendant includes a sleek brass counterweight, while the simpler 1965 variant hangs from a fixed cord. Prices range from \$745 for a painted fixed pendant to \$1545 for the brass adjustable version. —R.W.



VIBRANT KITCHEN FAUCET

If you want to add a whimsical touch to liven up your kitchen, the Tanz faucet from Isenberg might be just what you're looking for. With its flanged 90° elbows and straight lines, the Tanz gives a nod to industrial-style fixtures without being overbearing. If you're really feeling daring, you can skip the plain stainless steel and go for the ceramic finish in one of 20 colors, ranging from a bold gloss black to a vibrant crimson. A single side lever keeps things simple, and the faucet comes with a compact matching spray handle. Price ranges from \$650 to \$830 depending on finish. —R.W.



SVELTE COOKER

Monogram's Minimalist Collection of wall ovens truly lives up to its name with its extremely slender stainless-steel frames and unadorned black-glass panels. There's no need for knobs or buttons because each oven is controlled by a color touch screen that disappears when not in use. Behind the simple facade is a feature-packed appliance ready to tackle all of your baking needs. WiFi connectivity allows you to control everything from the Monogram app, so you can keep tabs on a cake from the comfort of your living room or preheat the oven on your way home after a busy day at work. A scan-to-cook mode lets you scan barcodes on packaged foods to send cooking instructions to the device. The convection models include an air-fry mode, allowing health-conscious cooks to get the crispy food they love without the fat. The wall ovens are available in single (\$3200) and double (\$4500) configurations, in 27-in. or 30-in. widths. —R.W.