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visualizer tool on the company's website. Designers can also access the Northstar and Heritage lines on the 2020 Design Cloud's 3D CAD catalog. Visit www.elmirastoveworks.com for more information on all Elmira Stove Works offerings.

RUVATI

SMALL SINK. FULLY LOADED.

New Siena workstation by Ruvati is designed especially for wet bars, dual-sink kitchens, RVs and tiny homes



Ruvati are pleased to unveil the latest addition to their popular Roma Series of workstation sinks. Created for compact spaces, the Siena is perfectly sized to mix cocktails at a wet bar or act as an extra prep sink in a busy kitchen. Its ingenious design with built-in accessories allows the Siena to perform multiple functions in tight quarters such as an RV or Tiny House. Its clean lines and beautiful finish make the Siena an excellent addition to kitchens and bars of any size.

Renowned for their innovative designs, Ruvati have truly perfected the workstation concept, transforming the traditional sink into an amazingly efficient work center. Like other sinks in the Roma Series, the Siena includes clever accessories that fit neatly into the basin. A stainless steel colander is perfect for rinsing veggies or air-drying dishes, and a solid hardwood cutting board covers the entire basin to easily convert sink space to a handy countertop. The Siena is offered in a range of sizes from 15" to 25" and is available with topmount and undermount installation options.

The Ruvati brand was built on quality and design excellence. The Siena continues that tradition with 16 gauge premium T-304 stainless steel construction that will never rust or stain. The sink basin is designed with a Zero Radius interior with sharp corners to accentuate its sleek, contemporary look. Other thoughtful features include heavy-duty SoundGuard undercoating and thick rubber NoiseDefend padding to minimize noise and reduce condensation, as well as a 10"

deep bowl, a rinse grid and basket strainer, and a standard 3.5" drain opening that is compatible with any garbage disposal unit. The Siena is completed with a commercial-grade brushed finish that is easy to clean and neatly conceals any scratches or marks. Like all Ruvati products, the Siena is backed by a Limited Lifetime Warranty.

Visit www.ruvati.com for more information about this sink or any Ruvati product.

GESSI

HIGH FASHION FAUCETS GO HIGH TECH

Gessi introduces stylish sensor taps with superior hands-free technology



Gessi pairs beauty and function in perfect symbiotic balance with the introduction of its new line of Sensor Taps. The complete collection of award-winning faucets has been infused with advanced technology to create a new class of hands-free faucets. Their elegant minimalist beauty and efficient performance make the touch-less Sensor Taps by Gessi a true standout in luxury bathrooms worldwide.

The extraordinary Sensor Tap line includes the brand's most sought-after faucet designs, such as Inciso by David Rockwell, Rilievo by HBA, Rettangolo and the stunning Gessi 316. They are a smart choice for commercial and hospitality settings, too, bringing a refreshing upscale elegance to public settings where plain mediocrity usually prevails. All are offered in a gorgeous array of finishes, from gleaming metallics and sophisticated mattes to exotic textures and patterns.

With today's emphasis on frequent hand-washing, Gessi understands the importance of adding touch-free performance technology to their line. Their innovative system uses a highly sensitive infrared sensor and is designed to promote good hygiene, improve efficiency and reduce water consumption. Water flow is activated as hands approach the tap or sensor plate within an adjustable detection distance, completely eliminating the need to touch a faucet lever. The flow automatically shuts off within two seconds of the hands' retreat. The motion sensor can be connected to an electrical network or powered by battery. The sensors are located in the tap plate, faucet base, or a separate control in coordinating style and finish depending on the model.

Gessi offers Sensor Taps in various configurations, including basin mixers, wall-mounted designs, or as stand-alone units with separate controls that become the bath's focal point. The Inciso, Rettangolo and Rilievo are constructed of solid brass, and the Gessi 316 Collection is stainless steel. All collections offer a flow rate of 1.2 gallons per minute at 43 PSI and 0.2 gallons per cycle.

Visit www.gessi.com for more details about the benefits and beauty of Sensor Taps by Gessi.



SIGNATURE KITCHEN SUITE UNVEILS INDUSTRY-FIRST BUILT-IN UNDERCOUNTER 'CONVERTIBLE DRAWER' REFRIGERATOR

Trailblazing luxury kitchen appliance brand expands award-winning built-in refrigeration lineup with unmatched flexibility and precise preservation technologies

Signature Kitchen Suite, the fresh brand at the forefront of innovation in the luxury kitchen appliance category, announced a first-of-its kind built-in undercounter convertible dual drawer refrigerator. Unique to this refrigerator are dual refrigerator drawers that operate independently and allow homeowners to select from multiple temperature zones depending on their needs, including a freezer option.

Designed for Technicians™ – today's forward-thinking home chefs – the undercounter refrigerator redefines food storage due to its impeccable precision for preservation. With unmatched flexibility, users can now store food under six temperature zones depending on their ever-changing needs: Pantry, Fridge, Bar, Seafood, Meat or Freezer settings. The refrigerator is designed to minimize temperature fluctuations and help keep food fresher and longer with flexibility from

-7 to 50 degrees independently in each drawer. This smart appliance also delivers enhanced convenience for users with Wi-Fi capabilities that allow remote temperature monitoring and adjustment.

The new 24-inch built-in undercounter convertible dual drawer refrigerator will be available in the third quarter of 2021 and encompasses the following impressive features:

- **Dual Convertible Drawers:** The only built-in undercounter dual convertible drawer refrigerator with refrigeration and freezer flexibility for both upper and lower drawers.
- **Precise Preservation:** Designed to minimize temperature fluctuations to help lock in food freshness and curb food waste.
- **Smart Innovation:** Users can benefit from Wi-Fi connectivity via the SKS app which allows for added convenience with remote temperature control and monitoring on both iOS and Android devices.
- **Sophisticated Design:** Available in panel ready or stainless steel options to complement any high-end kitchen décor. Complete with digital controls, white LED display and hidden LED interior lighting.
- **Eco Friendly:** ENERGY STAR® certified means it saves energy to help combat climate change and is engineered to reduce environmental impact.



SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL.

New Metro Collection is flawless from any angle with Sculpted Finish[®] by MTI Baths.

MTI Baths brings the beauty of pure simplicity to the bathroom with their lovely new Metro Sculpted Finish[®] tubs. This freestanding design perfectly captures the elegance of minimalist design with crisp rectangular lines and a soothing absence of ornamentation. It compliments both traditional and modern décors with an effortless chic that rise above fleeting trends to create a lasting style statement of refinement and luxury.

The Metro Sculpted Finish tub is produced in three generous sizes with lengths of either 60", 66" or 72" to best fit the available space. The tub is notable for its 11-inch larger extended deck on one side that provides a safe and convenient ledge for entering or exiting the bath. A perfect solution for universal design applications, and it can also be used for mounting faucetry. Available as a soaker, air bath, with Microbubbles or as a combination of the two, the Metro provides an impressively comfortable bathing experience with a sloped backrest and ergonomic design for a blissfully relaxing soak.

MTI offers its handcrafted Sculpted Finish[®] with the Metro, allowing customers to choose to finish from one to four sides of the tub. This popular option is a proprietary process, which converts any traditional tub to freestanding and relies on MTI's meticulous detailing for a flawless finished look. As part of the brand's Designer Series, the Metro is crafted from high-gloss cross-linked cast acrylic that has been reinforced for added strength and insulation. The finished tub has a non-porous surface that is amazingly durable, highly resistant to scratches and stains, and easy to clean and sanitize. As with all MTI products, Metro tubs are made with pride in the USA. For more information about this extraordinary design or any product by MTI Baths, visit www.mtibaths.com. **RO**

food-safe, SILGRANIT's Hygienic Plus surface formula acts as a protective shield against dirt and bacteria and reduces bacteria growth by up to 98%.

Available color options include Anthracite, Biscuit, Café, Cinder, Coal Black, Concrete Gray, Metallic Gray, Truffle and White. Additional accessories include a floating grid and custom-fitted cutting board that provides an extra level within the sink and cultivates a more ergonomic experience. VINTERA 33" Equal Double Apron List Price: \$1,649. VINTERA 30" Single Apron List Price: \$1,399.

Please visit www.blanco.com for more information.





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Cocoplum – This powder room was designed as part of a two-story traditional house situated on a spacious piece of land located in the exclusive Cocoplum neighborhood next to Florida’s beautiful Biscayne Bay. We were asked to design the renovation/addition to the existing house and make its interior spaces flow naturally.

This powder room was constrained by an extremely narrow space with tall ceiling heights, resulting in unusual proportions and demanding creative placement of functional and aesthetic elements to maximize space and heighten drama according to the client’s wishes. An additional challenge was integrating this powder room, with its small dimensions and dramatic, intense colors, with the rest of the house, where natural light, and organic, navigable pathways offered stark contrast to the powder room’s more opulent design.

We identified a unique, modular lighting fixture as a starting point to evolve a cohesive theme, drawing inspiration from its soft red glow and geometric curves. This provided a dramatic red to center the client’s desired palette and counterbalance dark walls and an all-black sink, faucet and wall-mounted toilet. The ceiling-mounted Goccia faucet from Gessi added a striking linear element as a focal point of drama. In contrast, the Neo-Metro toilet seems to disappear into the space, merging into an identically colored wall to maximize space and flow while allowing the nearby artwork, containing abstract red hues drawn from the ceiling fixture, to take center stage. The Zero Pedestal Sink from Stone Forest further enlarges the space, providing additional functional surface area for the placement of soaps and towels while anchoring the design with a sleek point of focus naturally embraced by the overall flow. These dramatic pieces provided balance and proportion, resulting in a powder room that celebrates elegance, simplicity and a dark, contemporary edge.

