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## WHERE TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION



## Discovering Authentic Design

Original kitchen and bath products with enduring qualities.



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**IN A WORLD POPULATED BY DESIGN KNOCK-OFFS**, it takes a practiced eye to recognize those uncommon products balancing style with functionality and pairing value and luxury to create something extraordinary. Authentic design may be elusive, but it can be found by those willing to search for it.

We have collected the latest kitchen, bath and hardware products promoting luxury and are worthy of wise investment. The first step to creating a dream design aesthetic is to choose a showpiece fixture to anchor the room — such as a SculptureStone tub or a stunning wall-mounted sink. Next is choosing the proper accessories, such as hardware embellished with textured metals or colorful glass.

Good design should reflect one’s personal style, and adding the right products to the kitchen and bath will amp up the interior confidence. Here are some authentic design choices certain to create stunning results.

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### The Essence of Authenticity

SculptureStone by MTI Baths sets the bar for what a “solid surface” should be. Made from the highest and purest grade of natural ground minerals, this singular material results in tubs with a luxurious look and softly organic feel. The difference is discernible both to the eye and to the touch. SculptureStone is dense, consistent and non-porous, resulting in a product that is incredibly durable, impressively hygienic and easy to maintain.

All MTI SculptureStone tubs are made in the United States and finished by hand. Its tubs are available as soakers or air baths, all with ergonomic designs that cradle the body for a supremely relaxing bath experience. The solid construction results in enhanced insulation properties, helping to keep bath water warm longer. The tubs are offered with a deep glossy finish or a soft matte in a choice of white or biscuit.

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### Rinse and Repeat

Ruvati adds an innovative new model to its line of workstation sinks for the wet bar. Imagine the convenience of having a sink with a built-in glass rinser to quickly clean everything from coffee mugs to wine goblets. The new Ibiza Collection features a patent-pending design with dynamic jets that can easily and efficiently rinse drinkware to save time and effort when doing the dishes.

The Ibiza sink is designed to maximize efficiency in a small space. In addition to the built-in glass rinser, the sink comes with a beautiful



**The Cascara SculptureStone tub from MTI Baths**



**The Ibiza Collection with built-in glass rinser from Ruvati**



The Shower G Collection from Gessi

wood cutting board spanning the width of the basin to increase the prep area and a rinse grid to allow glassware to drip-dry safely. Measuring 22 inches wide and 20 inches long with a 10-inch-deep bowl, the Ibiza brings impressive productivity to compact workspaces. It's perfect for a home bar, RV or tiny house setting.

### The Shower Wears a Tailored Suit

Gessi elevates the functional components of shower enclosures with its newly released Shower G collection of hardware and accessories, adding the perfect finishing touches to the bath. Shower G is an impressive design achievement reflective of Gessi's commitment to both aesthetics and functionality. Woven metal is used throughout the collection to embellish different elements like hinges and clamps, which can be ordered in bespoke sizes.

Coordinating accessories such as handles and towel holders offer visual contrasts with their round and square silhouettes. The collection is available in a lovely selection of finishes such as aged bronze, copper, antique brass and brushed black metal.

### A New Look For Levers

Viaggio Hardware introduces a new Contempo Fluted Lever. This beautiful design



Acquabella's Zermatt wall sink

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feels as good as it looks, with a subtle linear groove pattern that adds an unexpected tactile element to every encounter. Crafted from solid forged brass, these distinctive levers are substantial to the touch and appealing to the eye.

The Fluted Lever is the latest addition to Viaggio's popular Contempo Collection. The lever can be paired with any of the brand's square or circular rosettes for a truly custom look. Levers are offered in five trend-setting finishes: bright chrome, satin black, satin brass, satin nickel and titanium gray.



Viaggio Hardware's fluted levers

Viaggio hardware is built for lasting beauty and performance. Each element is precision-polished for a flawless finish. All sets feature a concealed screw mechanism that neatly hides installation hardware for a seamless, finished look with no visible fasteners. An impressive 28-degree latch radius ensures smooth use and reliable operation.

### Seamlessly Sculptured Sinks

Wall-mounted sinks are becoming increasingly popular, particularly in smaller spaces where their compact design helps conserve floor space and give the illusion of spaciousness. Acquabella perfects this on-trend design, as evidenced by the success of the Zermatt Series. The sink is offered in six size configurations from 32 inches by 20 inches to 60 inches by 20 inches, all 4 3/4 inches deep, and can be ordered as a single or double basin.

It is seamlessly sculpted from the brand's signature Dolotek, a cut-

ting-edge mineral composite blend with a silky-smooth surface and flawless finish. Eco-friendly Dolotek is amazingly durable and easy to maintain, and its antibacterial surface helps to create a more hygienic bathroom environment. Zermatt sinks are available in the standard snow white finish with optional latte, black, dark grey and light grey versions.

### Sapphire Splendor

Salò Art offers handcrafted hardware in unique designs that are sure to become a stunning focal point of any bath. The Glass Meld Collection, part of the brand's Flowerday Designs line, is an artisanal selection of colorful and expressive glass pulls set into beautifully finished metal bases. Skilled artisans fuse the glass through kiln-firing with temperatures reaching up to 1,500 F to achieve the line's signature dual-layer designs.

Each pull is unique with its own variations in patterns and swirls, but all are remarkable handcrafted works of art. The glass pulls are offered in seven gorgeous colors, from liquid blue and dramatic marbles in coral, sapphire and turquoise shades to more subtle options such as forest green, mica black and majestic white. The pulls are finished in matte black, polished nickel, satin brass or white and are available on MyKnobs.com. ♦



Salò Art Glass Meld Collection through MyKnobs.com

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