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Product Trend Report



18 | The Copperhaus rectangular undermount sink from Whitehaus Collection features a sunflower design front apron. Available in copper and bronze finishes, the sink measures 30"x20"x10".
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19 | The premium double-bowl fireclay kitchen sink from Astracast features modern styling and cutting edge contours. The sink, which can come in topmount or undermount styles, has no faucet deck to aid cutting of faucet holes through the countertop.
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20 | The Series 2200 of instant hot water dispensers from InSinkErator consists of two traditional high-end faucet models, Country and Victorian.
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21 | The Santa Barbara kitchen faucet from California Faucets comes in a range of finishes.
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23 | American Plumber's WRO-3500 Monitored Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water System delivers water filtration for chlorinated and non-chlorinated water. The system produces up to 7.6 gallons of water daily, and reduces dissolved minerals and salts, chlorine taste and odor, cysts, lead and a variety of volatile organic chemicals, notes the company.
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22 | Embossed with a grapevine design, the copper sink from Van Dyke's Restorers Wholesale is offered in utility, drop-in and farmhouse kitchen, and lav styles.
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"The prep bowl closest to the main sink tends to be larger than, say, a sink solely dedicated as a 'bar/beverage' sink off in a corner or island-top."

Another example of a secondary sink is a long, trough-shaped basin that could be filled with ice and drinks or cold appetizers, explains Neilson Howard.

The kitchen sink is also being impacted by the growing interest in outdoor kitchens. Outdoor kitchens are becoming increasingly sought after as consumers look for ways to extend the space in which they entertain. Although once considered a luxury, outdoor kitchens, maintains Rottinghaus, are "becoming more popular and just as important to the home as the main kitchen." While most popular in the milder regions of the U.S., the trend has been building all over the country. "Whether the homeowner is in cooler or warmer regions, we are seeing a lot more sinks and faucets moving outdoors," says Rottinghaus. The durable products available on the market today are in large part responsible for this trend.

Nover points out that the kitchen has evolved from "simply a place to cook" to a sophisticated work and play station, and that also impacts the water station. "What you do in the kitchen

constantly changes, so the form constantly changes, shifting toward multiple sinks and dedicated work stations. And the second sink isn't just a small bar sink on the island, but has become a highly usable work center," adds Nover.

INTEGRATED SINKS

Integrated sinks are also a hot-ticket item.

Nover offers: "The sink has evolved into a full-fledged food staging area." He adds that doing "prep over a sink designed for that task makes clean up easy, saves counter space, promotes hygienic practices and gives you more work options."

Integrated work surfaces are also considered part of the Universal Design trend, says Rottinghaus. "Sinks with integrated work surfaces [can] serve as landing pads for heavy pots and pans. The landing pad makes it easier for the homeowner to not have to bend near the sink to clean or pick up heavy pots and pans."

Ed Detgen, v.p./marketing for Danze, Inc. of Woodridge, IL, says that integrated sinks are also gaining popularity in response to consumers' desire to "clean up the deck," along with matching accessories and streamlined faucets.

Consumers and the designers they hire are no longer choosing the kitchen sink as an afterthought.

24 | Bates and Bates has added two finishes, Mayan Z-Bronze and Mayan Z-Copper, to its line of Z-Series basins, which includes the Zara sink, shown. The solid basins are crafted from non-ferrous metals: bronze, stainless steel, brass and copper, and are resistant to spotting and discoloration, the firm notes.
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25 | The Moscato Single-Handle Kitchen Faucet from Symmons Industries is part of the company's Elements line of kitchen faucets. It comes equipped with a pull-down spray spout and a 5' retractable hose with spray-to-stream touch control. The faucet operates at 2.2 GPM and is available in polished chrome, Radiance satin or Radiance polished brass finish.
Circle No. 299 on Product Card



26 | Florinse from Bristol and Bath is a stainless steel kitchen faucet that features a large-scale flexible design. The arched silhouette provides clearance for filling large pots, and the faucet has a wide spray that rises above countertop height. Temperature and spray volume is controlled with a single touch to the handle controls.
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27 | The Farmhouse Sink with polished front apron by Stone Forest is hand carved from solid black granite. It is stocked in black granite; beige and blue/gray granite are available by special order.
Circle No. 301 on Product Card



28 | The Brienne kitchen and bath faucets from Gerber Plumbing Fixtures are offered in many two-handle and single-control configurations and come in chrome, brushed nickel and oil-rubbed bronze finishes.
Circle No. 302 on Product Card



29 | Offered in five styles, faucets from Artisan Manufacturing's Manhattan Series are manufactured of solid brass and plated with triple satin nickel. Every faucet features a long-life ceramic disc cartridge.
Circle No. 303 on Product Card