

What's Hot, What's Not - in the Kitchen...

(or Recipe for a Dream Kitchen...)

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Planning a New Kitchen? The latest trends in cabinetry...

Whether you are remodeling or building new, kitchens are by far the most difficult room to design and the most expensive to equip. Many people approached a new kitchen project with a certain level of apprehension. A proper space plan and a creative design definitely add valuable aesthetic and functional benefits. Over the useful life of a new kitchen, the benefits of good design usually far outweigh the expense.

Today's cabinet trends are showing cleaner lines, a darker color palette and a wide range of storage options. Everyday homes are going back to the simple, clean look because it's easier to care for and feels less cluttered.

- **Door Styles** - A simple, elegant look of a Slab or Shaker-type door with a warm, dark espresso or a natural finish, even combine the two.
- **Wood Species** - Maple and cherry are still more common while oak is starting to reappear in a straighter grain. Mahogany or red tones are not as popular.
- **Glass** - More glass doors with frosted, reeded, colored or opaque in place of the traditional clear glass. Stainless steel doors with glass is another hot approach.
- **Organization** - A lot of deep drawer cabinets, everywhere. By doing this, storage space is almost doubled and becomes much more use-able & convenient. Trash and recycle centers are a must.



Although the current trend leans toward a more contemporary look, it doesn't suit everyone. We are still seeing the traditional raised-panel door with moldings, island legs, corbels and the like for the consumer who still desires an ornamental look. Finish this look with a cream base paint and a chocolate glaze for a hot trend.

It's important to be familiar with the trends but be sure to blend them with the life style of you and your family. Unique and edgy décor is also very popular, so that means... anything goes! Above all else, make your kitchen your own.

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