



sinks

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If you are considering the design of a new home or a remodel of your existing kitchen or bath, you are about to discover the endless possibilities available when selecting your sinks. Today's sinks come in many different sizes, shapes, and materials; the tricky part is finding the right one for your home and lifestyle.

For years, the options available for sinks were few, and selecting your countertop meant simply choosing the color and pattern

of laminate you wished to use. Today, there are many choices to consider when you are choosing your sinks and countertops. Most popular, however, are rich granites and quartz countertops featuring stainless steel sinks. But these are not the sinks you grew up with; these new stainless models have a high nickel content, leaving them looking like brushed chrome, and insulation on the underside to deaden sound.



One of the biggest changes in trends is the move from a double bowl to a single bowl sink.

Homeowners are giving up the smaller, inefficient bowl in return for one deep bowl, able to hold large pots and pans. Farm or apron sinks are also a popular choice for the kitchen. These sinks come in a wide range of materials from cast iron to copper, and add a touch of style and decoration to today's kitchens.

Replacing the kitchen table, where families often congregate, is the kitchen island. But no island is complete today without a sink. Known as entertainment sinks, these smaller alternatives are used for vegetable washing or as a second prep area. However, it is not necessary to match the sink on the island to the main kitchen

sink because of the popularity of mixing and matching of cabinet finishes and countertop materials. The combination of different, but complimentary elements adds charm to the kitchen and gives it a more custom look.

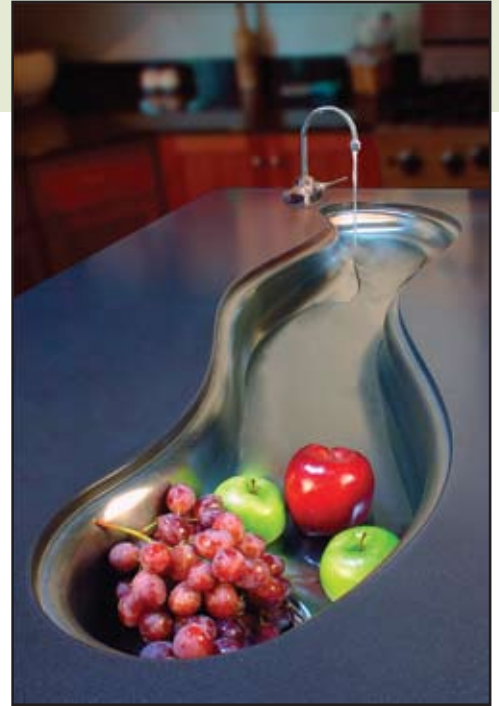
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Small island sinks and even bar sinks have changed dramatically with the entrance of the trough sink. These handy sinks, available in many finishes, replace standard sinks and are great for entertaining in addition to prep work. The trough sinks unique shapes take up less usable counter space and are super easy to clean! These sinks, as well as most sinks today, can be mounted underneath the counter. By mounting a sink under the counter, there is no lip to catch debris and spills can be wiped directly into the sink.



When selecting your sink, keep a couple things in mind. A budget is necessary, as some of these sink options can get pretty pricey. Practicality is another thing to consider, as sinks are one of the most-used fixtures in your home. And finally, consider the style of your



bathrooms – no longer merely functional space

Bathrooms, once merely a functional space, have been evolving for the past thirty years and now have been upgraded to showcase special vanities and beautiful sinks. Although the under mount sink is still the most popular because of simplicity and easy care, the vessel sink is one of the hottest trends in bathrooms today. Inspired by Chinese washbasins, these sinks mount on top of the counter and add beauty and interest to an essential room of the house. Due to practicality, vessel sinks are perfect for an area that does not get constant use, such as the powder room. Vessel sinks can be found in a variety of materials and levels of design including stone, glass, and cast iron. Similar to the kitchen, matching the plumbing fixtures is not necessary. The vessel should stand alone like a beautiful work of art.

space and the look you would like to achieve. All styles will need different accommodations in the room, so be sure to keep in mind the countertop height, faucet selection, and faucet and plumbing location. And do not forget to have fun and try something new!