

RAISING *THE BAR*

There's no doubt about it, home bars are in high demand. As the interest in craft cocktails and beers have increased, so has the interest of home bars. Many homeowners are creating spaces in their homes to entertain guests instead of having to go out.

Home bars tend to be one of two types. The first is the walk-up. They are typically against a wall and allows people to help themselves. This type of home bar is incorporated into many different settings of the home. If it's part of the kitchen though,

be sure to locate it out of the way of meal preparation and cleanup. The second type of home bars are bars that serve drinks from behind a counter or full-service bar. While you can be more elaborate with the design of these, you will have to take more planning into consideration.

Storage is a must when it comes to home bars. A walk-up bar may need less storage than the full-service bars. Both upper and lower cabinets with accessories and barware, bottles and bar tools will help you discreetly organize all your essentials. Undercounter

refrigeration is a necessity. This can hold anything from wine and soda to snacks and hors d'oeuvres. Kegerators are also a great addition for all the beer drinkers. Including a durable stainless steel prep sink is key. Whitehaus Collection offers many great stainless steel prep sink options.

While food is a component of memorable gatherings, drinks are just as significant. Kitchens are the heart of the home, but a well-designed home bar can be the life of any party.

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LAUNDRY ROOM IDEAS

1 *Pet Friendly*

Laundry rooms that lead into back yards are being combined with a pet-friendly space. Add a sink to bathe pets in, food and water bowls, a basket of toys, a comfy bed and hooks on the wall to hang leashes to eliminate the clutter in the rest of your home. Consider a commercial faucet with a pull down spout like the Whitehaus JEM Collection WH2070028 and a durable multipurpose sink like the Noah's Collection WHNAP3218.

2 *Drying Racks*

This year has become the era of the drying racks. Drying racks are a way to de-clutter the space in your laundry room. This eliminates having to hang clothes in your hallway door frames in the rest of your home. Adding plenty of storage into your laundry room with drying racks will give you the ultimate, clutter-free space.

3 *Rich Colors*

Homeowners are starting to embrace dark, moody colors into their laundry room spaces. Dark cabinets, walls, and or accessories give a sophisticated appeal. The rich colors work because of the combination of colors and tones that you can use. Rich wood cabinets and stone flooring is one pairing that you will fall in love with.



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TO WATCH OUT FOR

4 *Natural Light*

Natural light in the laundry room has boomed to the top of trends this year. Fresh and clean are two things that every homeowner wants in their laundry room. Homeowners are opening up their laundry room by putting an emphasis on the windows or by creating windows all together. Natural light, all-white appliances and cabinets plus an icy backsplash deliver an airy, welcoming feeling. What's not to love about a light-filled room?

5 *Plenty of Storage*

A place for everything is something every homeowner aspires to have in their laundry room. From a drop-down drying rack to a counter top ironing board and cubbies for supplies, your laundry room can be transformed into a room for efficiency. You can never have too much storage space around your laundry room.

6 *Big Backsplashes*

An eye-catching backsplash is an affordable way to make a big statement in a small or large space. This is why this design style is popping up in laundry rooms everywhere. A stainless steel, brick-patterned mosaic backsplash can take any laundry room from boring to flawless.

CHOOSING

KITCHEN FINISHES

WISELY



Start With Counter Tops

Counter tops are the most important in kitchens, as they take up the most space. This makes the counter top material a great place to start and can be the basis for the rest of your kitchen's material and finish palette. Choose counter tops that are durable and easy to clean, like granite or composite materials. If you want to make a bolder statement, look at stainless steel, zinc or natural wood. Always aim for light, smooth and reflective materials for kitchen counter tops.



Consider The Cabinetry

Keep your cabinetry materials as simple and natural as possible. Stick to a small palette to keep it simple. Lighter colored cabinets will help open up the space and keep it bright. You can always add in other materials in small doses, like accessories, for more visual depth and texture. Depending on your remodel, the cabinetry can be where you start for your material and finish palette. If you aren't changing the cabinets, use this to guide the rest of your counter tops, finishes, etc.



Finishes To Complete

Contrast is key. If you chose dark, rich counters, go for a lighter backsplash and fixtures. If you chose light counters, pair with bronze or stainless steel fixtures. Choose backsplash and fixtures that are visually contrasting to the counter top and cabinetry. Floors can be decided by the surrounding rooms but make sure the colors don't clash with the kitchen.

TRENDS

THAT ARE HERE TO STAY



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The latest trends are something that every homeowner strives for. Trends aren't always the best to follow exactly since it could result in more remodeling down the road. As time moves on, trends will go in and out of style and you could be left with outdated furniture, counter tops, tile or cabinets. Look for a classic style and add in trendy features.

With all of the changes in trends for kitchen and bath over the years, some trends keep evolving while other classic trends are here to stay.

Open Shelving in Kitchens

Replacing solid upper cabinetry with open shelving, typically in the form of floating shelves or ones supported by brackets, is here to stay. Many homeowners are embracing this clever idea and making it a lifestyle choice instead of just a trend. By removing cabinet doors, you are left with the ability to display beautiful dishes, cookbooks or your uncanny organization skills. Open shelving takes visual weight off your kitchen and allows the room to feel more airy.

Black and White

Whether on their own or together, these two contrasting colors will always make a bold statement. In any room, you first have to decide what feeling you want the room to give off. Calming, dramatic, sophisticated, classic, chic, cozy are all good words to figure out the feeling you are going for. Once you have done that, there are many different ways to bring that feeling to life. The classic and timeless looks of black and white will always be here to stay.

Wood and Brick Walls

Leaving wood or brick walls exposed in different rooms adds more value and character. By leaving these types of walls exposed, you are bringing visual and textural contrast into any setting instantly. You are also adding history and heritage to the home. Wooden and brick walls can give a home a warm, natural atmosphere. With eco-friendly fixtures and features here to stay, so are wood and brick walls.

Eco-Friendly Products

Eco-friendly products and fixtures add style to your home but also help save water, money and the environment. Whitehaus Collection offer numerous eco-friendly products and fixtures. Kitchen and lavatory faucets are low-lead compliant with all eco-friendly laws. The Farmhaus Fireclay Sink Collection is also eco-friendly due to the process in which they are made. Also offered are the dual-flush, Magic Flush toilets. By investing in new fixtures or replacing old fixtures, you're spending money to instantly save money. With the population being frugal with their money, eco-friendly products are here to stay.

Neutral Color Palettes

Neutral color palettes in your home are comfortable, welcoming and will make you feel at ease when walking into each room. Even though some may look at neutral colors and think bland or boring, there are several ways to create contrast and visual interest. Warmer hues add a feeling that is elegant and refined. They also provide maximum flexibility when it comes to layering textures and incorporating pops of

colors through accessories. Neutral colors will make a room feel fresh, clean and bright making them the perfect color trend to stay.

Stainless Steel Fixtures



Stainless steel kitchens offer an incredible amount of flexibility for the homeowner. Stainless steel surfaces, fixtures and appliances are easy to maintain and come in a variety of designs. You also will have the flexibility for different colors and accessories. Whitehaus Collection offers a wide range of stainless steel sinks that come in a variety of designs and installation types. This trend that's here to stay creates a sleek and stylish look instantly for any kitchen.

Open Kitchen Layouts

Kitchen layouts are more than just the footprint of your kitchen. The layout will determine how your kitchen will function. The most popular layout trend is the open layout. In this arrangement, the kitchen will face another area of your home or be incorporated into another room. This creates the perfect space for multi-tasking. The open floor plan combines rooms so you are able to do or see multiple things while preparing a meal. You can stay connected to your guests and family even if they aren't directly in the kitchen.

Mirror, Mirror

Bathroom remodels are moving towards more of a light and airy feel with an emphasis on mirrors. This can include mirrors with old-world accents to mirrors that cover an entire wall. Mirror medicine cabinets are also making a big splash. Whitehaus Collection offers many different types of mirrors for your bathroom. No matter what type of mirror you choose the effect will always be the same, a brighter, bigger feeling bathroom ensuring this trend is not going anywhere.



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SMALL BATHROOM SECRETS: **WALL MOUNT SINKS**

Choosing the perfect sink for your bathroom can be difficult, especially if you don't have much space to work with. Don't worry though, there is a solution to save you space.

Wall mount sinks are perfect for any bathroom but especially ones that are spatially challenged. These sinks are fixed directly to the wall without having to sit on a countertop. By adding a wall mount sink, you are opening up the floor space in the bathroom. This instantly makes any bathroom look bigger and the sink will be much easier to clean.

Whitehaus Collection offers a variety of wall mount sinks in their Isabella Collection. There is a range of style with the options of a corner wall mount basin to rectangular, decorative basins. All sinks in this collection are made from the hardest clay material on earth and are as durable as they are luxurious. The vitreous china finish makes them resistant to cracks, chips and stains, making them the perfect sink for the wear and tear of the bathroom.

In the Isabella Collection, you can find the perfect wall mount sink to suit your style's space.



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POPULAR KITCHEN COLORS

More than any other room in the home, the kitchen is the most used space. It is a place where people gather to enjoy food and company. It is also a reflection of you and those who live with you. The kitchen also plays a big part in dictating the overall feel of the home. So why play it safe with mundane kitchen colors? Here are six fresh color ideas to help you transform your kitchen.



Soothing Green

If serenity is what you seek, try going with a green kitchen. The kitchen can also be a great place to relax. Using soothing greens creates a calming sanctuary out of your kitchen. When picking a green tone you must be very careful. Look for colors that are earthy, but warm. Green can quickly turn in to an unwelcoming color if it is not used correctly. Complement the greens in your kitchen with marble or limestone counter tops to add a harmonious contrast. Potted clean air plants, like hostas or herbs like basil or cilantro, add some lively decoration and increase the air quality. Don't be afraid to play around with incorporating botanical prints to add some texture as well. White subway tile can also add character to a green kitchen by giving it some urban flair. A green kitchen is a sure way to create a peaceful space with lots of personality and life.



Radiant Red

If you would rather add some excitement to your life, try going with red. Red is an energetic color that adds warmth and vitality to a space. Picking subtle hues is crucial for success with a red kitchen. Aim for tones that have hints of terracotta or cinnamon in them. Avoid tones that look like they are better suited for fire trucks and stop signs. Unlike monochromatic kitchens, when creating a red kitchen it's best to mix it up with different tones. Rustic, almost faded black colored furniture like stools, tables or islands can help complete this look. For fixtures, it is best to go with more modern styles and using stainless steel or chrome finishes. The JEM Collection WH2070824 by Whitehaus is a sleek, contemporary accent that will enhance your space. Red kitchens are alluring and will liven up a much used area.



Wonderfully White

When people think of a classic kitchen, one of the first colors that comes to mind is white. Despite while being classic, it can be extremely dynamic and unique. When creating a white kitchen, you should commit to all white for everything. This means walls, ceiling, cabinets, back board and sink. Accessorize with stainless steel fixtures and knobs to add texture. This will help break up the neutral colored space. The Farmhaus Fireclay WH3719 sink by Whitehaus is the perfect way to add character. When creating a successful white kitchen, it is important to mix whites with different finishes. Use glossy whites, flat whites and some tones that are in-between. Find the mixture that suits you best. The white palette is timeless and therefore could be used in almost any style kitchen.



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● ***Boldly Black***

Homeowners in the past have shied away from using black in the kitchen, however, black can make a bold presence. You can use only little black, such as black cabinets and still make a huge impact. You can also be adventurous and use black for your walls, cabinets, etc. If you are using a large amount of black in your space, make sure you balance it with a generous amount of natural light. If natural light is limited, you can still balance the black so it's not as heavy. Pair black cabinets with plenty of neutrals and reflective fixtures to make the kitchen feel spacious. A great combination is a black kitchen with copper or brass accents. The Copperhaus WH3020COFC sink by Whitehaus would be a great eye-catching addition to a black kitchen. While it could be risky, if black is done correctly, the impact can be impressive.

● ***Sophisticated Grey***

Grey is becoming one of the hottest neutral colors in homes. While grey can sometimes look dull, there are ways to make it stand out in your home. Warm, deep greys add sophistication and style to any space. Pair grey with warm materials, such as wood or with contrasting hot and bold hues like red, orange or yellow. Soft greys can be used for kitchen cabinets to make them look elegant. The color grey works with mostly all accessories and other colors that you could possibly want. Black appliances look great alongside medium and dark greys. Pair Whitehaus Collection's Farmhaus Fireclay WH3018 sink to add a white focal point with the Vintage III WHKBLV3-9101 bridge faucet in Oil Rubbed Bronze for some guaranteed elegance. Grey is the ultimate root to sophistication in your kitchen.

● ***Mellow Yellow***

Light yellow is a winning color in any kitchen. The choices of yellow range from country cottage to industrial chic depending on the exact shade you choose. No matter what shade though, yellow is always friendly and welcoming, yet distinctive enough that it compliments most types of wood. If your kitchen doesn't get much natural light or could use visual warmth, light yellow is the way to go. Pair yellow with brown granite counter tops and hardwood floors. Add bronze fixtures and accessories in to complete the look. The golden hues from bronze will add interest to the space without clashing with the yellow. Whitehaus Collection offers many different bronze and copper fixtures to help this warm feeling. Yellow is a must for any kitchen that needs to be brightened up.

HOW TO SAVE WATER in 3 easy steps

In the United States, we are afforded the luxury of having clean water available to us at almost every turn. However, the recent trend of droughts in the western part of the country have highlighted that water is not unlimited. Water is a shared resource that we all need to survive and we should treat it as such. These three tips will help you cut down on water consumption in your everyday life so water can continue to be easily shared for generations to come.

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Using a double bowl sink is an effective way to cut down on water usage. Filling one side with warm, soapy water for washing dishes and the other with cool, clear water to rinse dishes will eliminate the need to let the water run the entire time. According to the EPA, using this method only requires half of the water you would use if you let the water run continuously while washing dishes. Whitehaus Collection's Duet Series WH3719 double bowl sink is a great way to add style to your kitchen and save water at the same time.

2



Make sure to fix any leaks you find around your house. A slow drip from a leaky faucet can waste up to twenty gallons of water a day. A leaky toilet can waste up to two hundred gallons of water a day. Over the course of a year, this adds up.

3



More than any other room in the home, the bathroom uses the most water. Toilets account for nearly 30% of an average home's indoor water consumption. Older toilets use up to six gallons per flush. Using modern, low-flow dual flush toilets can cut down on water usage drastically. Whitehaus Collection offers low-flush, dual-flush toilets that use only 0.8 gallons per flush at a partial flush and 1.6 gallons per flush at a full flush, like the WHMFL3222-EB.