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# Personalization & Convenience

## Mark Kitchen Sinks and Faucets

Today's kitchen sinks and faucets must be stylish, easy to use and able to blend seamlessly with the design of an open-plan kitchen, while adding a personal touch to the space.

The kitchen often serves a dual purpose as both an entertainment center and the place where the hard work gets done. That means the space needs to be warm and open, while also offering a stylish water station that can handle prep work and clean up with ease.

For that reason, kitchen faucets, sinks and accessories must add increased functionality to these areas while also offering opportunities for personalization of the space. Additionally, they must be easy to use, stylish and able to create a flow in the overall kitchen design.

"When selecting kitchen sinks, consumers want the functionality that suits their needs," says Tom Tylicki, who adds, "The faucet must flow nicely and balance."

"There's a 'renaissance' in the industry influenced by the trend toward apron-front kitchen sinks," says Naomi Neilson, director of marketing for Nantucket

Playing on the trend toward apron-front kitchen sinks, Nantucket Sinks has introduced its Fireclay sink collection. The collection comes complete with grids and drains. Nantucket Sinks also offers farmhouse apron kitchen sinks in stainless steel. Circle No. 155 on Product Card



The Metropole Pull-Down Kitchen Faucet from **Newport Brass** showcases an industrial design that sports a hexagon-shaped body and spray engine. The faucet features solid brass construction and is available in 27 finishes. Circle No. 157 on Product Card

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**The Galley Workstation** from **The Galley Sink** features cutting boards, colanders, drain racks and stainless bowls to accommodate food preparation, clean up and serving in one place. With five sizes and indoor/outdoor capability, homeowners can customize their workstations, as every lower-tier accessory is interchangeable between the double-tier and single-tier Galleys.



**Grohe's** Blue Chilled+Sparkling faucet removes impurities from kitchen sink water using a filter technology. The faucet can be carbonated to individual tastes – eliminating the waste and expense of plastic bottles. Circle No. 162 on Product Card



The Swan Corp. has released its new line of M-Series granite sinks for the kitchen. Available in both drop-in and undermount models, the sinks are made with 80 percent natural quartz stone. The M-Series sinks are available in four organic tones in a number of styles and include extra deep, offset bowls and low divider. Shown is the drop-in sink.

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traditional style is giving way to more modern and retro styles. kitchen faucets are less decorative. "Cleaner lines on the new 'transitional' styles are also preferred as they make fixtures easier to maintain," she says.

Maicher notes that traditional design is still in the lead in the U.S., but a move toward the modern brings a new sensibility to transitional forms. One key reason for this is the extension of the kitchen into other living spaces, he says, which requires that the faucet style balance with the whole space. "This is a

ers to find matching finishes and styles across all of the fixtures, from faucets and sinks, to cabinet knobs and drawer pulls, to lighting and accessories.

### EASE OF OPERATION

Advances in technology have created many options for simple touch and hands-free operation of faucets. These elements not only make faucets easier to use, but also help ion when working with food.

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s have become important in fau food and access water without ty hands. He cites Grohe's Mint-technology. ements of faucet design, like the sing and putting away the hand logy in all forms will continue to



Designed by Michael Berman for **ROHL**, this pull-down kitchen faucet features anti-scalding technology that prevents the hot water side from being fully open. The faucet features brass construction and ceramic disc valve technology, and is available in Polished Chrome, Polished Nickel and Satin Nickel. Circle No. 168 on Product Card



Brizo's Solna Kitchen Collection has been updated with a new single-handle, pull-out faucet, featuring a sleek tubular design, MagneDock magnetic technology and a low-rise profile to offer more flexibility in homes where space above the sink is limited. The full collection is offered in Polished Chrome, Brilliance Stainless, Matte Black, Matte White and Brilliance Brushed Bronze. Solna Kitchen Collection is CALGreen compliant, with a flow rate of 1.8 gallons per minute and utilizes DIAMOND Seal Technology, eliminating potential leak points. Circle No. 167 on Product Card

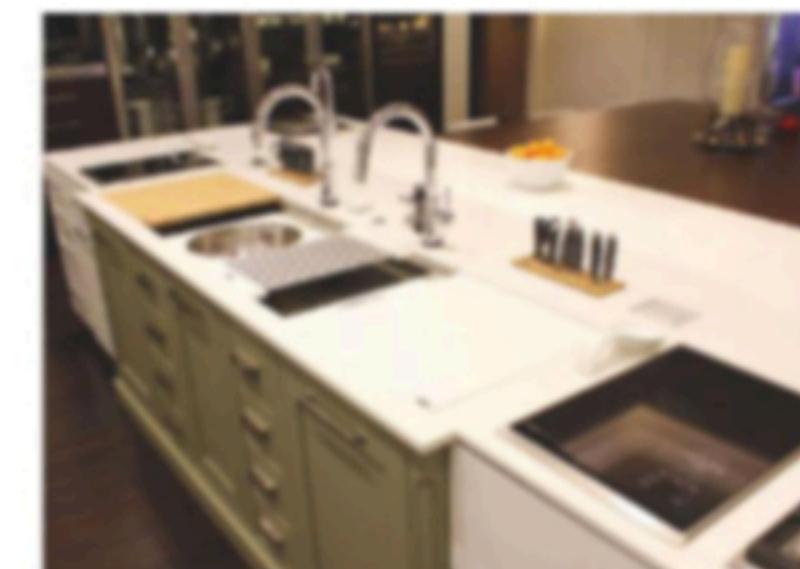


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The Antioch pull-down, two-hole kitchen faucet from **Danze** features a two-hole option and a single-handle control separate from the spout and a tapering design on the faucet and handle. The Antioch faucet offers both spray and stream functionality, and the hose offers a weighted retraction system with magnetic docking and a 15-3/8" high spout and 8-1/8" spout length. Circle No. 158 on Product Card



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Watermark Design has added a progressive valve side spray to its kitchen offerings. The side spray offers plumbing flexibility and fits into a variety of design schemes. The side spray features independent temperature and volume control and can be mounted at different angles depending on designer or consumer needs. The side spray can be added before or after installation.

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