



Decorating Trends

Neutrals Make A Splash In Kitchens And Bathrooms

(NAPSA)—A growing number of decorators—and homeowners—are expressing positive opinions about the trend of using neutral colors.

Survey Shows

According to the National Kitchen & Bath Association's annual design trends survey, gray is currently used in 55 percent of kitchens and 56 percent of bathrooms, creating chic, sophisticated spaces.

Other popular looks for kitchens include:

- white painted cabinetry
- glass backsplashes
- LED lighting
- water-saving faucets
- satin-nickel finishes.

In the bath, look for more and more:

- ceramic and porcelain tiles
- undermounted sinks.

What Homeowners Want

In both, the big idea is an increase in the expression of individuality. As more and more people are deciding to stick with the home they have, many are also working on ways to improve it to please themselves as well as prospective buyers when that time comes. Kitchen and bath remodels are particularly popular and shades of white, gray and beige are what's in.

For example, consider the color called Cinder, a striking shade of dark gray with a natural, stonelike appeal and delicate hints of brown that give it an inviting warmth.

This timeless modern hue is reminiscent of dark natural stones such as slate and goes very well with stainless appliances.



This stunning sink is shown in the latest of several shades of gray, popular for kitchens and bathrooms.

What They Can Get

It's available in top-quality Sil-granit sinks, which are crafted of 80 percent natural granite, feature the look and feel of natural stone, and resist scratches, stains, chips and heat. Because the color goes all the way through, it won't fade in direct sunlight and is impervious to household acids and alkalis. Advanced surface technology ensures that it is nonporous, easy to clean and extremely hygienic.

These sinks come from the experts at Blanco. Family owned since 1925, the company has produced more than 40 million sinks and is recognized as a world leader in quality, innovation and unsurpassed service.

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