

Kitchen of the Future

21st Century Kitchen—The Latest Innovations And Trends

(NAPSA)—As the hub of the household, today's kitchen is in a state of constant evolution. New trends, materials and technology are always being introduced and each is more exciting and innovative than the last. Because savvy homeowners want to stay educated concerning what's available, Wilsonart Laminate, the leading manufacturer of decorative surfaces, has gathered a sampling of some of the most popular innovations to hit the market recently:

High-tech appliances. The newest appliances seem to offer as many options as the most cutting-edge DVD player, cell phone or portable messaging device. There are dishwashers that accept an entire bottle of detergent and dispense just the right amount each time, limiting refills to approximately every three months. Some dishwashers hold 16 place settings and still others have short wash cycles. Interactive computerized appliances have also debuted. One refrigerator sports Internet capabilities, e-mail, messaging and TV/DVD features and tells you when to replace food items. Industry experts talk about soon using offsite computers to turn on home ovens to begin dinner.

New materials. Countertops are the centerpieces of kitchens today and are therefore being designed with the latest and most popular materials. Deepstar, the first series in the new WilsonartHD High Definition Laminate category, looks and feels like no other surface on the market. By re-engineering tried and true traditional laminate, WilsonartHD features a rich, multi-dimensional look with three times the wear-resistance of the industry standard. Deepstar designs have a naturally weathered, organic look, such as patinated copper, worn slate and burnished bronze.



Today's kitchen is home to high-tech equipment and innovative materials, such as the first ever high-definition laminate.

• **Colored appliances.** Give your kitchen an exciting shot of color with appliances that are available in a variety of hues. Today's refrigerators, ranges, dishwashers and countertop appliances can be found in hot red, eggplant, lavender, pop yellow and pale blue.

• **Wine refrigerators.** This trend shows no signs of slowing. From under-the counter models to large units with separate chambers and climate controls for both red and white, these refrigerators are a staple for wine enthusiasts.

• **Chandeliers.** Add a bit of glamour to any kitchen with a chandelier. Decadent, stylish and fun, chandeliers are now available at a variety of price points and styles, ranging from antique, to modern, to whimsical.

• **Ceilings.** Why stop at chandeliers when ceilings can have a wow factor as well? Upscale homes lead the way with vaulted and domed ceilings; arches, trusses and beams designed to look 300 years old and even hand-painted drop ceiling tiles.

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