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DON'T
OVERLOOK THE
Finishing Elements
IN YOUR KITCHEN

by Linda Mazur

So you're renovating your kitchen. Cabinetry, counters, flooring and appliances have been selected and you're thinking all the big decisions are made. But have you put any thought into some of the finishing elements for your new kitchen like your faucet and sink? When discussing kitchen designs with some clients I find when it comes to the sink and faucet their response is "it's just a sink – how difficult can the choices be?". With so many choice available, it's more of a challenge than you are anticipating.

I know a kitchen renovation is a large investment, not only dollar-wise, but time-wise as well. Make sure you are well-informed about not only the major decisions, but also about your finishing touches as they are equally important to the overall look and function of your new kitchen. These touches in your kitchen express your creativity and personality, so explore your options and select wisely.

One company I recommend for your faucet and sink selections is Blanco. Blanco always remains on the cutting-edge of the industry in regards to both design and technology. Their products are European-designed and German-engineered, offering the highest quality standards available on the market. Always on trend, they never fail to deliver on style and their newest designs clearly demonstrate this.

A favourite of mine, in sink designs is the Ikon, an apron-style sink that has a great modern approach offering a slight A-line tapered profile. This sink is the first of its kind available in Blanco's exclusive Silgranit composite material. Silgranit is composed of up to 80% natural granite, giving it a natural warmth and extreme durability. Blanco's Silgranit sinks are scratch, stain, heat and impact resistant, and are amazingly easy to clean, which is a huge plus in any home! They have 7 earth-inspired colors to select from, which are designed to coordinate with any solid surface countertop material to creating a seamless look in your kitchen.

Silgranit sinks are a wonderful option, but as a designer I also enjoy the classic look and feel of stainless steel, which integrates beautifully into many kitchen designs.

Stainless steel sinks come in various size options, offering a modern design and lustrous finish at an affordable price. Expand your design-thinking by adding in any number of great accessories, which

can convert your "simple" sink in to a space-saving workstation – a great alternative for kitchens with a slightly smaller footprint.

Compliment your sink designs with what I consider to be "jewelry" for your kitchen – the faucet. One of this year's new product launches, the Artona faucet, features a subtle wave design, which adds an artful sculptural element that works in contemporary and transitional kitchen designs. Artona is available in a multitude of finishes and colour options from lustrous chrome to stainless, Silgranit and dual-finish.

Here are a few important points to remember when starting your hunt for the finishing elements in your kitchen:

- Make sure your new sink is the right size for your cabinetry
- If you decide to use an apron sink in your space be sure to do so early on in the design process as this requires a specific design of your cabinetry
- Consider a different bowl configuration and perhaps even a deeper bowl, which makes clean-up of larger items much easier
- Make sure you know which installation method you will be using before you order your counters, specifically either under-mount, drop-in or MicroEdge installations
- Have fun with colour, there are many varieties available so don't be afraid to explore your options.

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