


NEW HOMES & CONDOS


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While cabinetry, counters, flooring and appliances may get most of the attention, sinks and faucets are equally important to the overall look and function of a kitchen.

More to the kitchen sink than you think



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Well, you've decided to renovate your kitchen, — that's great — and you have everything under control, right?

All the important elements have been selected — kitchen cabinetry, counter, flooring, appliances — but how much thought have you put into some of the finishing elements like your sink and faucet?

When discussing kitchen designs with some clients, the response I often get is: 'It's just a sink...how hard can it be.'

So let's explore a few available options and we'll see.

One company that I continuously turn to for some of the finishing elements of a kitchen is Blanco. They continue to be industry leaders both in regards to design and technology, with

products that are European-designed, German-engineered and offer the highest quality.

New for kitchens this year is the Ikon sink, an apron-style sink with a contemporary approach to its design offering an ever so slight A-line tapered profile, which as a designer, I find complementary to many kitchen styles.

It's manufactured by Blanco using their exclusive Silgranit composite material that is virtually impervious to scratch, stain, heat and impact. It cleans amazingly easy, which let's face it, is a huge plus in everyone's life.

They have a variety of colors to select from, designed to coordinate perfectly with many solid surface countertop material to create a seamless look in your kitchen.

Silgranit sinks are a wonderful option. The classic look and feel of stainless steel integrates beautifully in any kitchen design and is always a great timeless option.

One design I'm particularly fond of, also from Blanco, is their Quatrus R15 series. These sinks are available in several configurations, offering a modern design with a lustrous finish at an affordable price.

Expand your design-thinking by adding in any number of great accessories available in the Quatrus Gourmet Series which can convert your "simple" sink in to a space-saving workstation — a great alternative for kitchens that are space-challenged.

Compliment your new stylish sink with what I consider to be "jewelry" in your kitchen — the faucet.

One of this year's newest options, the Artona faucet features a subtle wave design which adds an artful sculptural element making it suitable for both contemporary and transitional kitchens.

Artona is available in a multitude of finishes and colour options from lustrous chrome to stainless, Silgranit to dual-finish.

Kitchen renovations are a large investment not only in terms of dollars but also in time commitments.

Make sure you're informed not only about the major aspects of your kitchen but also for all of

your finishing touches as they are equally important to the overall look and function of your new kitchen.

Here's your chance to express your creativity, so explore all your options and select wisely.

— **Linda Mazur is principal of the Linda Mazur Design Group, known for providing design projects that reflect a timeless style and optimal functionality. Visit www.lindamazurdesign.com.**

DESIGN TIPS

1. Consider a double basin sink to allow you to perform separate tasks, such as cleaning dishes and preparing food.

There are many sizes and configurations available these days outside of the typical look.

2. If using an apron sink in your kitchen design, make sure this is decided before you order your cabinetry as the configuration required is different.

3. As nothing in your home works harder than the sink, buy the highest quality you can afford and it will provide you satisfaction for years to come.



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