



What's Cooking In Kitchens Today

(NAPSA)—If you've been thinking—or just dreaming—of a remodeled or upgraded kitchen, a look at the latest trends may prove inspiring.

Industry experts say today's kitchens are influenced, on the one hand, by the very industrial appliances you see in restaurants and on the other, by the maker movement in genres such as foodie, reclaimed and do-it-yourself. Particularly popular are these four styles:

Kitchen Design Trends

1. The Classic Kitchen. For this look, use bold colors and mix and match materials used for cabinets and countertops. Open shelving is still popular, but glass doors with and without pattern are trending as well.

When it comes to the kitchen sink, it's all about the basin. Modular or apron sinks, and single-basin sinks are where the flow is going. Sleek and professional-grade stainless steel appliances serve to balance the color scheme of this kitchen while furnishings provide pops of colors and feature larger-scale hardware. Fixtures feature warm finishes in tones of gold, brushed brass and copper.

It's a bright idea to light up this kitchen with distinctive, unusual lighting pieces over an island or dining table. Look for tiles that tell of texture, geometrics, neutral shades, artisan looks and craftsmanship to use against the wall.

2. Farmhouse Kitchen. For a homemade attitude with a farm-to-table feel, go for brightly colored or neutral painted cabinets.

Find lighting, furniture and accessories that have a handmade, antique feel. They don't actually have to be old. Distressing the new can be nice and it's easily done with certain stain techniques and a little roughing up of the wood.

Wrought iron and dark metals, natural stone and reclaimed materials add to the warm and inviting atmosphere.

3. Black and White Kitchen. Here, high contrast and bold graphic patterns in classic black and white create a backdrop for a few pops of color in accessories and kitchenware.

The restaurant influence is particularly prominent in this kitchen and so is Factory Chic,



The latest decorative accessories and appliances can help you cook up a new look for your kitchen without a costly remodel.

consisting of dark, rich painted wood, modular and apron sinks, with lots of built-in accessories and professional-grade appliances. Use task lighting to highlight focal points such as wall sconces.

4. The Sophisticated Naturalist Kitchen. For a bright clean look, this kitchen comes in several shades of gray or brown. Soft, natural-colored or palely painted wood adds a refined vintage look.

Organic textures in rugs and linens provide depth while accent colors are understated and nature inspired.

Sleek, professional-grade, stainless steel appliances balance out this look and blend beautifully with the gray color palette.

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When shopping for appliances, it's also a smart idea to look for:

- Convenient storage options, so snacks and meal ingredients are easily accessible.

- Energy-efficient and multi-functional options that make food prep, storage and cooking more convenient and provide small-space solutions.

- Seamless integration of technology paired with a universal design accessible for any age and ability, especially as aging-in-place and multigeneration homes are increasingly popular.

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