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Ruvati has expanded its Workstation Ledge Sink Collection with dual tiers and additional accessories. A solid wood platform spans the basin and holds a five-quart stainless steel mixing bowl. A matching colander and lid with grater/slicer attachments is also offered, along with a hardwood cutting board. Additional attachments are included. ruvati.com



BLANCO is launching the Vintera collection, a new farmhouse kitchen sink family in the company's Sil-granit material. The line features a slim 6-½" tall apron with a generous 9" bowl depth. While other farmhouse sinks are typically undermounts, Vintera offers installation flexibility including undermount and flush-mount options. blancoamerica.com



The Filtered Kitchen Faucet from **American Standard** dramatically reduces lead, chlorine and class I particulates from the water, according to the company. The faucet features two separate water channels, ensuring tap water does not mix with the filtered water, and allows the filter to be installed above-deck or inside the wall cabinet. americanstandard-us.com



The Galley represents a new category of kitchen appliance, a complete culinary system where the homeowner can prepare, cook, serve, entertain and wash all in one central place. Each Galley workstation is designed, engineered and handcrafted in the U.S., and includes a range of cutting boards, grids and accessories. thegalley.com



The **Franz Viegener** Kitchen Collection features faucets in the standard-size and larger pro-style designs. The faucet is available in a range of finishes, including: polished chrome, polished and brushed nickel (PVD), polished and brushed gold (PVD), polished rose gold (PVD), satin black (PVD) and polished unlacquered brass. franzviegener.com



Hamat USA's granite and fireclay workstation sinks offer a step-ledge design, providing more than the single ledge of most workstations. Whether accommodating a colander below the cutting board, or drying mat tucked out-of-the-way, this feature delivers functionality, the company notes. All sinks are fully reversible and have center drains. hamatusa.com



The astronomical eclipse is the inspiration behind the design of the Eclissi Kitchen Collection. Eclissi has a simple, modernist feel, with a circle-shaped handle that contains a smaller, inner circle, mirroring the meeting of the two luminaries. The Collection from **ROHL** offers 24 circle finishes, as well as two spout designs. rohlhome.com



Nantucket Sinks has introduced a line of Granite Composite Workstation Farmer sinks offered in two sizes, 30" and 33" wide, four colors – White, Black, Gray and Brown – and traditional or modern front. The PR3020-APS and PR3320-APS sinks include a wood cutting board, a stainless steel roll up mat and matching basket strainers. nantucketsinksusa.com

and hygienic lifestyle," notes White. "We will continue to see more commercial products being made specifically for the home, such as touchless faucets and sink materials that help prevent the spread of germs, like copper and quartz."

"The COVID-19 pandemic has forced people worldwide to spend more time at home than ever before, in addition to putting a greater emphasis on health and physical well-being," reports Ramia. "That combination makes having access to quality drinking water even more important."

Drutis says it's also important for designers and retailers to point out that easy maintenance is key to maintaining a clean home. "Closed coils or pull-downs are easier to wipe clean, along with hydrophobic or nonporous surfaces like SILGRANIT that clean effortlessly without harsh chemicals," she states.

CONSOLIDATED FUNCTION

In the kitchen, reducing clutter without losing function is important. Manufacturers say this is creating a trend towards multifunctional spaces that combine many functions into one area, such as versatile faucets and "workstation" sinks.

"A current trend in faucets is to provide multiple functions within a single product," observes Ramia. "Gone are the days when a faucet only delivered hot and cold water for washing dishes; in its place are all-in-one

taps that also dispense instant boiling, chilled and sparkling filtered water. These faucets are gaining popularity and will become a standard feature in the coming years," he says.

Alexander notes there is a focus on doing more with less and saving space where possible. "In recent months, the heightened dependency on our homes has led consumers to seek durable, high-quality options that boost functionality and add lasting value to their homes," he states. "Consumers have a growing need for fixtures that make their lives a little easier and improve their kitchen workflow. They are willing to invest in products that do more, last longer and change the way they interact with their homes for the better."

"In 2021, we will see homeowners swapping out sink hardware and plumbing options for those that can do more. Today, there are easy swaps people can do to update their kitchens now that products have been upgraded to include better technology and more customization, including new colors, metals, hands-free capabilities and improved spouts," reports White. "Workstation sinks are becoming highly requested among homeowners because they not only take up less counter space but allow for prepping and cleaning up in the same area."

"BLANCO is re-imagining the sink and faucet as a seamless, fully integrated kitchen water hub solution that makes everyday life in the kitchen easier. It's a sink, faucet and accessory system that works together