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Hot Products To Watch For



In keeping with the trend toward bold colors in cool tones, **Elkay** offers hues such as deep Jubilee blue for its Quartz Luxe sinks. The sinks are constructed using a proprietary manufacturing process that combines natural quartz with high-performance, UV-stable acrylic resins, with organic fibers added for strength. Circle No. 175 on Product Card



Lowell, a 36" double bowl farmer sink from **Barclay Products**, is fashioned in Italy from fine fireclay. The Lowell has an 80/20 double-bowl split that provides a prep sink as well as a larger space for dishwashing. Finished on all four sides, the sink has a distinctive banded apron front. Circle No. 176 on Product Card



Handcrafted in Italy, the Fiamma Fireclay sink from **Ruvati** is fashioned from white raw clay fused to an enamel surface. The 30"x20" apron-front sink is reversible, with a flat finish on one side and fluted motif on the other. Finishes include Cracked White, Coastal Shabby Chic, Horizon Gray, Glossy Black and traditional White and Biscuit. Circle No. 177 on Product Card



With minimalistic design, sleek proportions and high functionality, the **KWC ERA** faucet features distinctive finishes and a high-precision look. A reduced, formal design sports a small spout diameter. The faucet collection includes KWC's Gravity Spout, Pull-Out Spray, L-Spout and J-Spout options. Circle No. 178 on Product Card



Herbeau's Luberon fireclay farmhouse sinks, handcrafted in France, add a traditional element to modern farmhouse kitchens. Fashioned from non-porous fireclay to resist stains and scratches, the sinks have center drains and are available in single- and double-bowl models. Circle No. 179 on Product Card



Matte black is making an appearance on all of **Bocchi's** farmhouse fireclay apron-front and under-mount kitchen sinks. Fireclay can handle extreme heat from pots and pans, and the special glaze coating provides a non-porous, uniform, scratch- and stain-resistant surface, the company notes. Circle No. 180 on Product Card



Inspired by professional kitchens, the **Blanco Solenta Senso** Semi-Professional faucet provides hands-free operation via its sensor technology, allowing the user to control the flow of water by waving it on or off. The faucet features a quick release magnetic hand spray and flexible closed-coil spout, and is available in Polished Chrome and Stainless. Circle No. 181 on Product Card



Karran's QA-750 farmhouse sink is the company's first farmhouse sink made from quartz composite. This double equal-bowl quartz sink is 34" wide and fits into a 36" sink base. The apron front sink is available in six colors, including Black, Brown, Concrete, Grey, Bisque and White. Circle No. 182 on Product Card

She notes that adding accessories and using the sink area as a more functional workspace is currently trending.

The rise in farmhouse styles and single bowls means counter space is lost, Maicher points out, creating demand for built in accessories like cutting boards, colanders and floating grids that conserve counter space and make best use of the available space for cooking and cleaning. "Little features, like a low divide, help consumers enjoy the look of a big bowl – but have separate areas for cleaning and prepping. These newer designs or styles – like transitional designs – are halfway points between the comfortable styles of the past and the contemporary styles of the present," he adds.

Demand for convenience leads to incorporating additional work stations throughout the kitchen. Multiple faucets in the kitchen space, such as prep faucets, pot fillers, RO faucets and instant hot faucets, are a big trend, says Wilson.

Prep-sinks are also important. "The prep station-type sinks with all the accessories continue to be very popular as consumers seek to explore their inner chef," notes Khoury.

Faucet features that simplify kitchen tasks are key, and a pull-down sprayer is top on the list of must-haves, manufacturers say. "The feature of choice in faucets is the multi-function, pull-down sprayer because of the versatility this device brings to the faucet," states Pien. "A pull-down spray

transforms the faucet into an even more useful and responsive tool in the kitchen, while keeping the user in complete control over the task at hand."

Technology that allows for faster water flow is also having an impact on trends. "Moen kitchen faucets that come equipped with the game-changing Power Boost technology also offer improved functionality that fills pots and pitchers faster and cleans 50 percent faster than those without the technology – saving time and energy at the sink," says Radic.

"Consumers are also very interested in any uses of technology that can save time and effort in food preparation," adds Pien. She cites American Standard's Beale MeasureFill Touch kitchen faucet as an example. This faucet delivers an adjustable, set amount of water on demand. "Whether the user wants to fill a cooking pot or measure out just the right amount of water for a recipe, this innovative faucet is there to help – eliminating the need for a clutter of measuring cups on the kitchen counter."

Easy-to-operate technology is important as well, manufacturers agree. "Kitchen faucets that offer touch-activated or touchless functionality are no longer new, but they continue to gain in popularity. As new innovations are introduced, even more consumers are finding them to be a worthwhile investment," Pien says, citing Grohe's Foot Control technology, which turns water flow on or off by the tap of a foot on an activation plate installed into the toe space of the cabinet.