

## Kitchen &amp; Bath

## DESIGN



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The newest trends in kitchen and bath design incorporate the changing lifestyles and priorities of today's modern family. Open concept kitchens, eco-friendly building materials and appliances and the desire for spa-like experiences in our bathrooms at home are driving today's trends. The following experts in their field offer our readers their thoughts on today's trends and how to incorporate them into their dream design projects.

## MEET THE EXPERTS

**Artisan Kitchens**

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Busy schedules require tranquility in our homes, a sanctuary of calm. People are now designing classic kitchens, selecting cabinets with delicate moldings in classic cream or white finishes creating a peaceful space. Gone are the days of decorative moldings and distressed finishes. Granite has been popular, family friendly, easy maintenance; however, people are foregoing easy maintenance for the uniform, serene look that marble, soap stone and wood give. When renovating a kitchen, create an efficient space. Use materials that you love and work for your lifestyle. A classic kitchen stands the test of time and won't feel "dated" later on.

**Axiom Architects**

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Axiom Architects strives to design kitchens which seamlessly integrate into their whole-house designs. For

several years now, our clients have almost universally asked us for open plans in which the kitchen and main living spaces are connected. As many of our projects are sited on the South Shore coastline, a challenge we often run into is how to open a home to panoramic views while still maintaining spaces that can be outfitted as functional kitchens and baths. It takes thoughtful and imaginative design to link the exterior form of the home with harmonious and truly user-friendly interior spaces.

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Traditional styling leads the way in kitchen and baths, but contemporary designs are a close second. White and off-white remain the leading cabinet choice; however consumers are increasingly interested in using eco-friendly products such as bamboo, recycled materials, LED lighting, natural stone. Hi-tech function and 'chef-inspired' looks in the kitchen are very much in demand. Bathroom renovations are at a high as they are

considered a good investment in uncertain economic times. Bold colors will be showing up in both kitchens and bathrooms as accents against neutral grounds. Blues of all shades are back, and oranges and corals are expected to be very popular.

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Gone are the days of 4 x 4 tile. It is all about SHAPE, SIZE, TEXTURE and FINISHES. Today's trends are all about long and lineal, organic and earthy, small and detailed. From free form iridescent glass pebbles to oversized relief patterned ceramic tile to calm and soothing natural stones, the possibilities are endless. Whether alone or in conjunction with each other-interior or exterior-today's options allow for tile to play an intricate roll when designing spaces.

**Dennis J. Swart Architecture LLC**

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At DJSA, we believe it is a family's specific needs that drive the design of a kitchen or bath, not necessarily the size of the space. For most families the kitchen is seen as the heart of the home. Open floor plans and multi-use spaces are often requested, so we try to integrate the kitchen with the dining and family spaces. Current kitchen design trends include pantries,

message and recharging centers, recycling centers, adjacent mudrooms and the use of renewable materials. The use of natural light and a visual connection to the outdoors are also highly requested design elements.

**Dennis Kitchens & Cabinetry, Inc.**

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The largest kitchen trend we are seeing is the open floor plan with the kitchen transitioning into the adjacent rooms. Large islands are not only becoming a focal point but also replacing the kitchen table. Islands can be traditional with the furniture look or fun and funky by using unusual materials to help transition to the large open spaces. With every ones busy life styles, organized cabinet interiors to fit specific needs are also in high demand. Cabinet accessories such as, tray dividers, veggie baskets, roll-out trays, knife drawers, spice racks, and trash bins and recycling areas help make life easier.

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As a certified kitchen and bath professional, I see many trends in the industry. One of the major trends I am seeing is the return to natural woods and earth colors. In bathrooms, people are looking to create a Zen, spa-like atmosphere. Natural stone and tile, glass, and textures seem to continue their popularity. Green, eco-friendly products are also in demand, as environmental concerns in society translate to homeowners who want to do their part. Readily renewable wood sources such as Lyptus are low-impact, as well as countertops which are made with recycled materials, such as Icestone and Richlite.

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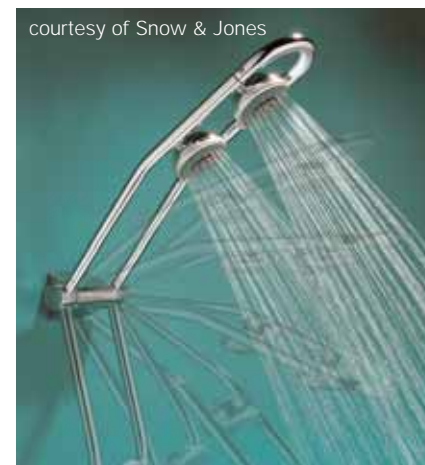
creating a warm and inviting environment. Kitchen trends have evolved though the years and presently Stainless Appliances and Granite Counter Tops are very popular. These cool components are enhanced when combined with the beauty of wood as a flooring option. Bathrooms have also been favorably impacted in today's market. This space has become as much about style as it is about function. Travertine Marble, Porcelain, Granite and Glass Tiles have joined Ceramic Tile as a popular flooring material. Flooring professionals can be valuable in assisting with the difficult task of making a decision.

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Eco-Friendly Design is the buzzword in our Kitchen and Bath Showroom. Smarter more usable space and sleeker, cleaner lines with full access frameless Cabinetry by Holiday Kitchens is both functional and beautiful! Customers are interested in sustainable, reusable, recyclable and non-toxic products keeping their families and environment healthier. Energy efficient appliances, water saving fixtures including rain showerheads and dimmable LED lighting are smart economical trends. Customers desire the comfort and convenience of Spa Baths including deeper soaking tubs and air Baths, custom built-ins for towels, unique tile design and walk-in glass showers creating an open and relaxing environment providing a quiet retreat from everyday stress.

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In Recent years, the bathroom has transformed from a practical space to a haven in the home. A room to relax and recharge. No Wonder homeowners with remodeling plans are looking to blend spa-like amenities with their unique visions of comfort and style in the bathroom. Frameless shower doors have had a big impact on enhancing the look for a elegant and functional as well as spacious room. Shiretown Glass and Home Restoration can turn your dream into a reality. Our professional and experienced

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Many consumers are trying to be stylish on a budget. Glass, stone and hand molded tiles remain extremely popular for backsplashes. Porcelain tiles that have a stone appearance remain popular for both baths and floors. Regardless of products selected our customers look to our design staff to create a unique look and we are proud to assist our clients in bringing their visions to life. Snug Harbor Tile has recently expanded into a beautiful new showroom located in Norwell on Rte 53.



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Creating a spa-like feel in the bathroom is becoming increasingly popular as people are vacationing less and staying home. Custom showers make the bathroom more luxurious. A great alternative to plumbing in body sprays is to install the Freehander, by Grohe. This "showerhead" is installed at eye height and gives you the flexibility of having two shower heads, or two body sprays. Each head features a "Normal Spray", a "Massage Spray" and an "Off" setting, so that you can simply use one showerhead. The Freehander saves on installation costs and features a lifetime warranty on the parts and the finish.



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