



KITCHEN + BATH

ARIZONA

The fine art of function and finesse plays out in today's kitchens and baths. Whether updating or building new, industry experts put entertaining and unwinding at the center of every design. Leaning into the way clients live, technology and low-maintenance materials enhance convenience in the kitchen and relaxation in the bath. Natural details grace most designs, elevated by metal finishes and surprising new colors. And integration is all the rage, with undercounter, built-in and handle-less options. Everywhere you look, inspiration abounds. Turn the page to see for yourself.

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"For the kitchen, it sometimes works best to create two separate islands, which provides good storage opportunities in both islands and separates the barstools from the serious, working part of the kitchen. In the bathroom, it is important to have good lighting on the face. This can be done with pendants or sconces mounted at the correct height. Recessed lighting shining down from the ceiling creates ugly shadows. Powder rooms present the perfect opportunity to pull out all the stops and showcase unique design concepts. Rather than a tired pony wall between the water closet and sink, come up with a more exciting way to provide a little privacy, like a textured-glass and stainless-steel panel."

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No two spaces are more important functionally than kitchens and bathrooms. In these spaces, the delicate balance of form and function is a must. The materials used need to be practical for everyday use, and the layouts need to meet the needs of the homeowners' lifestyle. Because so much time is spent in both, they must be the most beautiful and memorable spaces as well. The challenge with more contemporary design styles is providing clients with all of the functional aspects of a very efficient kitchen and a comfortable bathroom, while avoiding visual clutter and confusion. "Sometimes clients are tempted to sacrifice a little function here and there to keep a clean, minimalist look," says Janet Brooks, principal of Janet Brooks Design, "but I encourage them to realistically consider how they might feel about their decision down the road."

"I like to create a palette of colors and finishes that flows throughout the home to create a feeling of overall continuity."



1. An open floor plan allows the kitchen, wine storage and dining areas to flow seamlessly. 2. The spectacular view from the master bath vanity is preserved by hanging mirrors from the ceiling above each sink. 3. The guest baths feature floating underlit vanities, and a curbless walk-in shower with a linear drain. 4. Two dining tables can be separated, or pushed together, offering flexibility for a variety of entertaining possibilities.

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