

THE WELL-DESIGNED KITCHEN AND BATH

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Given the need to perfect the balance of aesthetic and functional concerns, kitchen and bathroom spaces require consistent and thoughtful design. "Try to limit the important elements in a room to no more than three," says Janet Brooks, principal of **Janet Brooks Design**. "Any more, and the eye doesn't know what to focus on, which creates a chaotic space." A leading name in Arizona's residential design industry, the interior designer explains current trends in kitchen and bath. "Clean lines and a more minimalist approach to design are so refreshing," she says. "I was never into a lot of accessorizing or cluttered spaces, so this trend is personally appealing to me." Brooks goes on to identify a partnership between the design professional and homeowner as a key to success, saying, "Your designer should help you clarify exactly what ingredients are important in your kitchen and bathroom, from appliances and plumbing fixtures to types of storage."

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"In the kitchen, instead of breaking up the lines with appliances scattered here and there, we like to create an appliance wall, where they are neatly stacked in either vertical or horizontal lines," she says. "It is an efficient way to organize a kitchen, rather than the old triangle. 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."

“Dimensions, adjacencies, privacy and comfort are all of the utmost importance in selecting materials and executing designs.”



1. A mixture of clean white cabinets and walls, limestone flooring and rich natural wood tones creates a beautiful contrast.
2. This softly textured limestone floor makes the reclaimed wood surrounding it pop with rich color.
3. A wonderfully organic, Arizona ranch-style adobe brick home features a warm and inviting family kitchen.



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