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Ten Trends for 2010

Bring your kitchen and bathroom into the new decade with style

Does your kitchen or bathroom look like it's stuck in a time warp? Then it might be time to update the most-used rooms in your home. For inspiration, look no further than the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), which recently shared its top 2010 kitchen and bath trends. To compile the findings and determine the latest trends, the organization surveyed those members who designed a kitchen or bathroom during the last quarter of 2009.

In the Kitchen

Making a big statement throughout the kitchen in 2010 is the addition of functional drawer appliances. One such example, which has been specified by nearly a third of NKBA's kitchen designers, is modern refrigeration technology. Turning convenience into a luxury, under-counter refrigerated drawers feature adjustable horizontal and vertical dividers to keep frequently-used items close at hand. Perfect for the ultimate entertainer, refrigerated drawers are quite roomy—and are typically tall enough to store a two-liter bottle and are wide enough to hold items such as serving trays and pizza boxes.

Another popular element to include in the kitchen in 2010 is a pull-down or pullout faucet. Utilized by 85 percent of kitchen designers, it's an easy way to make a design state-

ment at the kitchen sink while increasing functionality. The new Arbor™ pull-down kitchen faucet from Moen® seamlessly brings simple sophistication to the kitchen with its transitional styling that complements virtually any décor. The faucet's single-lever handle offers easy-to-use temperature and flow control, while the ergonomically designed pullout wand and high-arc spout make performing everyday tasks, like filling large pots or vases, in and around the sink easy. Arbor is available in a single-hole mount, allowing it to blend beautifully into granite and other solid-surface countertops for a clean, refined look. It's also available in a Chrome finish, which is another trend to look for in appliances, accents and hardware throughout the entire kitchen.

In the Bath

Granite is the dominant material chosen for vanities in current remodels—used by seven of every eight designers—however, in 2010 alternative natural materials, like marble, will continue to grow in popularity.

According to NKBA, just under half of bathroom designers utilize marble, as it provides a sophisticated look that's reminiscent of Roman baths with its regal, refined detail that exudes a sense of luxury. Plus, marble counter-

tops provide a stain-resistant, water-resistant, rugged and durable surface—ideal for child-friendly bathrooms; or perhaps homes with just one bathroom that see a lot of traffic throughout the day.

NKBA also forecasts that integrated sink tops will be a popular choice this year, as you can easily use existing items to achieve this look. By adding a sink into an antique dresser or chest, designers are creating one-of-a-kind vanities for nearly 30 percent of all clients.

Polished chrome finishes are another bathroom design trend for 2010; look to incorporate this

chic metal accent into all of your hardware by updating the accessories in your bath, as well. You'll be able to make a big impact with small updates like new towel bars and robe hooks, for a completely coordinated look.

For more information about the Arbor pull-down kitchen faucet from Moen, visit moen.com or call 1-800-BUY-MOEN (1-800-289-6636).

According to NKBA, the top 10 trends for 2010 are:

1. Shaker style kitchen design
2. Maple and alder cabinetry finishes
3. Quartz countertops
4. Pull-down/pullout kitchen faucets
5. Polished chrome finishes
6. Under-counter refrigerator drawers
7. Dishwasher drawers for small loads
8. Marble vanity tops
9. Integrated sink tops, drop-in sinks, vessel sinks and pedestal sinks
10. Bronze and stainless steel finishes

Getting the Hang of It!

The ABC's of Picture Hanging

"Hanging art is an art in and of itself," says Donna Hoffman, who reveals quick tips to make hanging your art simple and perfect.

• **Relationship Is Key:** Artwork should be hung in relationship to the thing it is over or near. When you're working with a piece of artwork, to be visible appealing, it should be hung next to, close enough above, or in relationship somehow to something else. A piece of furniture. A doorway. A window treatment. You get the point.

• **One Tall Order:** Most people think they have to hang at eye level only and move horizontally. Try stacking your art. Take a trio of pieces and run them vertically. This creates a really exciting effect as it's a fresh approach to hanging art, but still very much follows the rules.

• **Family Frames:** When grouping multiple frames, make sure the frames are similar, meaning same color theme, same frame or same style. If you try placing a regal gold frame next to a funky neon green frame, it's going to look chaotic and mismatched.

• **Enlarge Furniture:** If you have a piece of furniture that is too small for its location, such as a hall table that's too short, hang a piece of art a tad lower and closer to the piece of furniture. This will make the art and table feel like more of a unit, thus giving the table a larger feel.

• **Keep The Size:** Large items, such as a sofa, need large, substantial items hung above them. The artwork chosen should have more of a presence to complement your sofa. Hang your artwork close enough to the sofa so it feels like it is part of the 'sofa story'. You don't have to have just one massive item over your sofa, a carefully thought out grouping works great and achieves the same affect.

• **Who Says It Has To Hang?** Try 'leaning' your art on the mantel or a dresser. The trick is to tether the art to the

wall so the art is attached. This will avoid accidents. Just insert a tea cup hook into the wall, then wrap the wire from the hook to the artwork. Voila!

• **Negative space:** Try not to hang every inch of every corner in your home with some hanging 'thing'. Let there be rests. If you cover every visible inch of wall, you'll be creating a smaller, chaotic or just 'odd-feeling' ambiance.

• **How Low Can You Go?** Most people hang their art too high. Try lowering your art to eye level for a very elegant, grounded and eye catching look.

• **Chalk It Up!** We've all experienced the moment when you finish securing the nail to the wall, hang your frame and Voila!...uneven. For easy and stress-free hanging, grab white chalk, an electronic level and a tape measure. You can do this solo, however a helping hand is best.

1. First, hold your artwork in desired location. Chalk off one upper corner and the top line.

2. Next, working with the artwork standing upright in your hands on the floor, measure with the picture hook held against the hanging wire, how far from the top of the frame you must lodge the nail.

3. Go back to the top line made in chalk on the wall. Measure down the exact space to find where to insert the nail. Mark it.

4. Mark the center of this top line to find the exact middle of the top chalk line. Blend the mark off from step 3 and 4 to find one spot.

5. Finally, Hammer Away!

Interior Designer, Donna Hoffman, brings her Masters of Fine Art degree along with her experience from the Parsons New School of Design in NYC and Temple University. Donna has seen it all, from crammed artwork on the corner wall to a photo frame mess leading up the staircase. Visit her at www.InteriorsbyDonnaHoffman.com



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