

REMODELER'S NOTEBOOK

CHECK OUT THESE PRODUCTS, SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGIES TO HELP YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR RENOVATION EFFORTS

BY DEBI BRYANT



Get ready to paint, wallpaper, update appliances and even put on a new roof following our list of the latest and greatest in home remodeling ideas. Our quick reference guide covers all aspects of renovation ... including the kitchen sink.



For the Bath



<< CLASSY GLASS

Kohler introduces a new lavatory that is sure to bring grandeur to any bath or powder room. Called Antilia, this glass sink has a strong, durable finish that is easy to clean. Available in two colors, "Ice" and "Storm," the Antilia costs about \$2,000 to \$2,200. www.kohler.com

SHOWER POWER

Water and vapor can penetrate even showers that look waterproof. Enter the Schluter Shower System with its membrane and drain system that address this problem. A breakthrough for installers, the system allows ceramic tile showers to be constructed using standard drywall. www.schluter.com

<< SOAKING WET

Bruce Graf, owner of Graf Developments, says, "Homeowners are interested in spending more time in the bathroom and are making the bathroom more luxurious." He is seeing a growing demand for slipper and claw-foot tubs. These tubs are deeper than standard tubs, are great for soaking and accentuate the bath as a luxury retreat, without noisy jets. Prices range from \$1,500 to \$12,000. Bigger tubs require more hot water, and Graf recommends a tankless water heater that is so energy efficient it can earn you a tax credit. Stay away from electric tankless water heaters, Graf warns. Gas tankless water heaters are much more cost effective. 972.571.6076, www.grafdevelopments.com

^^ A GLASS ACT

Tired of murky shower glass etched with minerals and soap scum that won't come off? ShowerGuard glass is permanently sealed during manufacturing with a patented ion beam process that prevents corrosion, water spots and soap residue. This "shield" never needs to be reapplied. www.ShowerGuardGlass.com

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Sleek in black glass, Kohler's new Antilia lavatory

Squeaky clean ShowerGuard. 2006 Sunset-Popular Science Idea House, photo courtesy Thomas J. Story

Jacuzzi Fuzion PureAir salon tub



<< GROUNDS FOR CELEBRATION

Gaggenau's built-in coffee machine integrates elegantly into any style of kitchen cabinetry. Water pipes are rinsed after each cycle, guaranteeing the machine is 100 percent hygienic and delivers the most authentic coffee aroma every time. Brew espresso, cappuccino and regular coffee with ease.

www.gaggenau.com

>> DECORATIVE HARDWARE

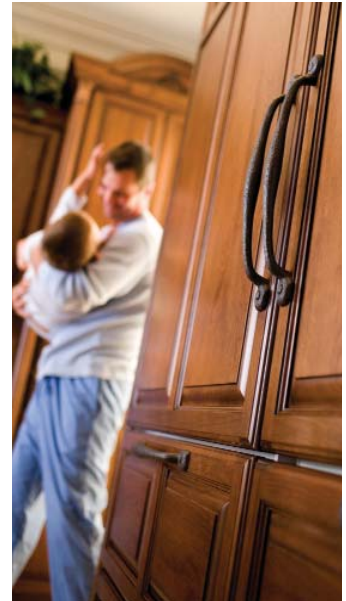
So, you've covered your refrigerator in wood or laminate to match the rest of your kitchen. Now for the pulls. Hickory Hardware's decorative appliance pulls fit both oversized cabinets and pantries, in addition to appliances. The decorative pulls are offered in three lines: "Zephyr," "Studio" and "Refined Rustic."

www.hickoryhardware.com

>> NOT-SO-SEE-THROUGH

Among the many cabinet glass offerings by Bendheim is a wavy glass pattern (at right, it covers half the wine bottle). It offers old-fashioned charm while hiding messy shelves. Voila! The best of both worlds.

800.606.7621, www.bendheim.com



For the Kitchen

<< HOORAY FOR FÊTE!

The clean, organic shape of the Fête island sink by Kohler brings multipurpose convenience and a fresh aesthetic to kitchen spaces. Its upper and lower basins help you easily accommodate both preparation and presentation.

www.kohler.com

>> POUR IT ON

Medora, Moen's new single-handle, single-hole pullout kitchen faucet, has a soft modern style that is designed to complement the latest kitchen décor. The Medora is available in matte black, as well as chrome and LifeShine stainless finishes.

www.moen.com



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The CM 200 built-in coffee machine from Gaggenau

"Refined Rustic" cabinet pulls by Hickory Hardware

Bendheim's wavy cabinet glass

In a black matte finish, the "Medora" by Moen

Kohler's new Fête island sink with upper and lower basins



<< WARM UP YOUR SPACE ...

... with today's hot colors. Pratt & Lambert's PR spokesperson Branden Blackmur says, "For 2008 to 2009, we're seeing a lot of influence from the 'Indian Market.'" One such color that Pratt & Lambert offers is "Tucker Cupboard Orange," CW105 in its Williamsburg Color Collection.

www.prattlambert.com

>> AN AFFINITY FOR EFFICIENCY

Benjamin Moore has created its first all-new original color palette in six years, the Affinity Color Collection, to coincide with the advent of Aura, the company's breakthrough premium paint. Aura is a 100-percent acrylic interior paint featuring Benjamin Moore's patent-pending ColorLock technology that literally locks in the color, enabling Aura to cover most surfaces in a single coat. Benjamin Moore officials add the paint is spatter-free, creates the smoothest possible finish and has incredible, seamless touch-up traits.

www.benjaminmoore.com



For Walls & More

>> COLOR BALANCE

At Sherwin-Williams, Sheri Thompson, director of color marketing and design, points out technology's dichotomy: It gives us more power while, at the same time, not overpowering us. Sherwin-Williams addresses that yin-yang polarity with its five collections: "Balanced Living," "Sultry Origins," "Understated Elegance," "Virtual Re-Mix" and "Kinetic Contrast." www.sherwin-williams.com



<< PAPERED OVER

Flavor Paper in New Orleans produces unique vintage, contemporary and custom hand-screened wallcoverings that add a burst of flavor to any room. Check out the "Ribbon Candy" and "Sakura" patterns. www.flavorleague.com

FINISHING SCHOOL

The coolest thing in faux finishes is a "green" product called Jadecor. Made from cotton, it creates a fabric-like finish. It has flecks of mica and metallics, and it comes in a range of colors. It also has acoustical properties, so it's perfect for bedrooms and theater rooms. The Distinctive Wall, 214.733.9800, www.jadecor.com

THIS PAGE: (Clockwise from top left) Pratt & Lambert's "Tucker Cupboard Orange" and "Indian Market" palette
Benjamin Moore's new "French Press" chocolate hue
Sherwin-Williams' "Balanced Living" blue
Stripes galore in "Ribbon Candy" wallcovering by Flavor Paper



>> ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR

From Tech Lighting comes "Element," a new architectural recessed downlight. One of the most fully functional and technically advanced systems available today, Element features locking rotation, tilt and lens orientation, a three-lens capacity and one of the smallest apertures available, allowing precision aiming of light. www.element-lighting.com

<< WARDROBE DEPARTMENT

Wood-Mode Inc. offers a custom wardrobe as one of its newest items. This wardrobe provides homeowners with the opportunity to organize their clothing and accessories in a way that enables easy access for both day-to-day wear and packing for travel. www.wood-mode.com

THIS PAGE: (top left) Wood-Mode's Hunt Club Valet dressing room
(bottom left) The True Blue level, photo courtesy ARA

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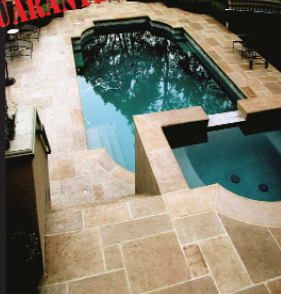
<< MEASURING UP

True Blue levels and measuring tools get their name from a high degree of accuracy — guaranteed to five-ten-thousandths of an inch — and from the unique blue fluid, instead of traditional yellow, that fills the level vials. Look for the blue tube at most home improvement retailers, including The Home Depot and Sears. www.empirelevel.com

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THIS PAGE: (From left to right) Tech Lighting's "Element" recessed lighting
Met-Tile, an Energy Star metal tile panel roofing system

The "moon light" effect in landscape lighting. Photo courtesy Landscape Lighting Supply

For the Exterior



^^ TAKE IT FROM THE TOP

Suitable for use in all climates, Met-Tile is a metal panel roofing system that achieves the appealing look of clay tile roofing, yet it's lighter in weight. Key benefits include energy savings, a 230-plus mph wind rating and superior resistance to hail, fires, earthquakes, moisture and pest infestation. www.met-tile.com

VV A MOONLIT NIGHT

Stephanie Bellinger, owner of Stephanie Bellinger Landscape Design & Installation, says a new trend in outdoor lighting is creating a moonlight look using mercury vapor lights. Lights are installed high in the trees so that at night, the light cascades down between the leaves. "You think you are out on a bright moonlit night," she says. 214.384.6602, <http://stephaniebellingerlandscape.com>



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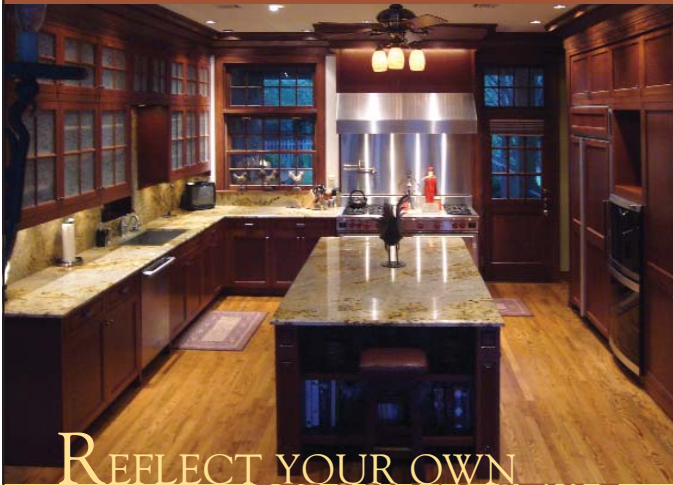
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ABOVE: The latest in exterior
landscape lighting is creating a
"moon light" effect. Photo courtesy
Landscape Lighting Supply

BELOW: Benjamin Moore's Aura line
of interior paint in "Butter Yam"

FOR REAL

The latest in faux finishes outside the home is making aluminum garage doors look like wood. The installation comes with a sealant that is scratch-, stain- and weather-resistant. FE Dallas Inc., 972.733.0028, www.fedallas.com

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