

# The **KITCHEN** Report

Take a look at the top 10 trends and cook up some ideas for your own space!

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## FLUTED ISLANDS

Midcentury design continues to dominate home decor, and kitchen islands are going back in time with fluted paneling, known as tambour. Canadian designer Rebekah Higgs (@diymom.ca) got the effect here with thin strips of upcycled maple and a bright paint (Paradise Found by PPG Paints) to make the texture pop. Pro tip: Use spacers to help keep the slats straight.

To get the look, try *Designs of Distinction 1" Single Bead Tambour*, paint-grade, \$170 per panel; [zoro.com](http://zoro.com)

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## CORK ACCESSORIES

"Cork is the new MVP of kitchen materials," says Kate Doherty, market director at *HGTV Magazine*. "It's got eco cred—it's all natural and sustainably harvested. And cork is chic without trying too hard." Plus, there's nothing precious about it: Cork is both water-resistant and durable, and it dissipates heat like a boss, so it's great as a trivet or coaster.

*Casafina Cork Trivet with Leather Handle*, \$27; [food52.com](http://food52.com)  
*Cork & Glass Teapot*, \$45; [uncommongoods.com](http://uncommongoods.com)  
*The Look of Macadamia Cork Apron*, \$32; [zazzle.com](http://zazzle.com)



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## WALLPAPERED PANTRIES

Tops on this year's kitchen wish list: a souped-up pantry, according to the National Kitchen & Bath Association's 2023 trend report. Designers are coming through with the usual smart organization tricks but also with bold wallpapers that make the spaces way more exciting. "It kicks up the personality and makes unpacking pasta and paper towels a lot more fun!" says Houston pro organizer Meggie Mangione (@organizedlifedesign), who chose this cheery lemon pattern. Self-adhesive paper makes it an easy weekend project.

*Laurapol Lemon Blossoms Wallpaper in Peel and Stick*, 2' x 9', \$84; [spoonflower.com](http://spoonflower.com)



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## TEXTURED KNOBS

Knobs are like jewelry for cabinets, and this year, ones with tactile surfaces are all the rage. "With their ridges, beads, striations and hammered detailing, these less traditional knobs offer a quick way to personalize or update a kitchen," says Home Depot hardware expert Andrew Shaver. Knurled metal knobs are best sellers: The machine-etched pattern, like on the brass knob above, gives the pieces a serious edge.

Trask Cabinet Knob in aged brass, \$23; [rejuvenation.com](http://rejuvenation.com)  
Amerock Hardware Kamari Cabinet Knob in satin nickel, \$28; [houzz.com](http://houzz.com)

Century Hardware Dolce Pull in antique pewter, \$32; [houzz.com](http://houzz.com)  
Fermata Knob in brushed golden brass, \$16; [belwith-keeler.com](http://belwith-keeler.com)

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## WOOD HOODS

Wood surfaces always help warm up a kitchen, but they usually appear in the form of butcher-block counters and cabinet faces. Wood hoods are becoming a popular alternative, as seen in this Fort Mills, SC, space. The reclaimed wood beauty, designed by New Old Interiors (@newoldcustomhomes), looks like art above a Wolf range.

For a similar wood hood, check out Jon Archer Designs and Remodel Market on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)



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## '70S GREEN

The Brady Bunch kitchen is back in style—and those beloved avocado green cabinets are actually cool again. You don't have to go all in on the hue, though. Start with a great piece of oven-to-tableware, like one of these from LeCreuset.

Heritage Rectangular Casserole in olive, \$135, and 5.5-Quart Round Dutch Oven in olive, \$420; [lecreuset.com](http://lecreuset.com)



Bring an old favorite color to the table!

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## CHECKERBOARD BACKSPASHES

Checks already made a big comeback on kitchen floors, but now they're moving onto the walls. Designer Mysha Bolen (@remingtonavenue) nailed the trend in her Highland, UT, home with gray tile and a smart shortcut: Instead of mortar, she used double-sided tile adhesive by MusselBound.

Cloe 5" x 5" Ceramic Tile in gray and white, \$9.50 per square foot; [bedrosians.com](http://bedrosians.com)

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## OVERSIZE BASKET LIGHTS

Rattan furniture is everywhere these days, and rattan kitchen pendants are the latest iteration of the craze. "Oversized is key to this trend," says Chicago-based HGTV designer Tiffany Brooks. Blogger Sarah Stewart (@lifeonvirginiastreet) chose two-foot-tall woven lights for this Omaha kitchen. They look fresh and summery by day; at night, they cast a moody dappled light that's perfect for a party.

*Santa Barbara Pendant in natural, \$498 each; serenaandlily.com*



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## WORKSTATION SINKS

Designers never gushed about kitchen sinks until workstation sinks came along. "Any cook will appreciate the versatility of these innovative multitaskers," says Peter Cardamone, founder of Bluebell Kitchens in Wayne, PA. The sinks maximize space, minimize mess and feature interchangeable accessories like cutting boards, colanders and drying racks. "It makes cleaning up after arranging flowers or chopping fruits and veggies a breeze," says Louisville, KY, designer Gretchen Black (@gretchenblack), who installed this one. "It's one of my favorite features in our kitchen."

*Elkay Farmhouse Double Basin Fireclay Sink, from \$992; build.com*



You can match your oven to the exact color of your plates!



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## HYPER-CUSTOMIZED APPLIANCES

Ranges and fridges keep getting smarter—and more personalized. Send BlueStar a photo of something colorful you love—a teapot, a pillow, a dress—and they'll color-coordinate your appliance to it. Samsung will print photos or original designs right onto their Bespoke French Door fridges. And Big Chill offers its appliances in 200-plus colors. If you're not in the market for a new fridge, microwave or dishwasher, you can always customize your existing one with a vinyl wrap.

*36-inch Dual Fuel Range in Pantone Fiery Red, from \$11,995; bluestarcooking.com*  
*Marlo Thomas Dinner Plates in Red Floral, set of four, \$120; williams-sonoma.com*



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