



**Graff's** Corsica Faucet pairs with both traditional and modern design schemes. Featuring a graceful form, its timeless appeal is made possible with ornate detailing and applied rings at the top and base of the faucet set. The faucet also offers a matching side spray for added flexibility.  
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**Houzer's** Porcela series features porcelain enamel steel sinks for undermount applications. Providing the look of cast iron, the sinks are 65% lighter, and offer chip, scratch and stain resistance. Sinks in the Porcela series are available in eight distinctive colors: White, Biscuit, Lemon, Mint, Slate, Espresso, Navy Blue and Black.  
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**Karran's** new QA-750 farmhouse sink is the company's first farmhouse sink made from quartz composite. This double equal-bowl quartz sink is 34" wide and fits into a 36" sink base. The apron-front sink is available in six colors.  
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**Watermark Designs'** newest faucet collection, Elements, is the first self-designed faucet collection that gives the consumer endless possibilities in faucet choice combinations. Elements is comprised of 14 handle styles – called Covers – and every Cover has a base with 24 finish options and two options for inserts: Bridge style and Scallop style.  
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**Sonoma Forge** has launched a line of designer point-of-use faucets designed to match the company's signature industrial chic kitchen taps. Available in both elbow and gooseneck spout designs, the POU faucets dispense chilled, filtered or hot water.  
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**The Galley Workstation** is a complete culinary system where one can prepare, cook, serve, entertain and clean all in one central place. Hand-crafted in the U.S., the workstations are available in six sizes and feature reversible sinks with side drains, as well as Culinary Kits in a selection of materials.  
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**Lenova's** line of Drawer-Depth Apron Front Sinks feature a 9" flat front that delivers a bold impact while still compatible with most standard-sized cabinetry. By tailoring the dimensions to those of traditional drawer fronts, Lenova eliminates the need for custom cabinets.  
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The **KWC Suno** kitchen faucet features the Jetclean faceplate that prevents the build-up of limescale on the spray head, while the Turn and Clean fastening mechanism helps remove any limescale deposits. The pull-out spray is insulated to prevent overheating. The faucet is available in two pull-out styles.  
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Christensen sees pull-down faucets with different spray settings as the hot trend, followed by semi-professional designs with oversized spouts that are specifically used for larger sinks and kitchen islands, where additional space is needed.

Just as with faucets, sinks with features that improve their functionality are frequently incorporated into kitchen spaces. "A kitchen sink is more than just a kitchen sink. There is a growing need for it to become a multifunctional fixture," states Levi. "We are seeing the growth of workstations that marry style and durability, giving homeowners more function with less space, and these fixtures are changing the way people think about and use their kitchens."

"When working with a designer, customers tend to demand grids and other accessories to save counter space and protect their investment. They want their sink and faucet to be multifunctional, easy to maintain and durable," notes Emens. She adds that there is also an increase in demand for Universal Design and ADA-compliant sinks, where accessibility is more important than size alone.

Rohl agrees that function takes precedence over size. "For a while, it was about the size of these sinks, but not everyone has the space or need for a 74" sink. Instead, it's about the functionality and utilizing the space most people do have, and maximizing it," he says. In 2018, ROHL will introduce a stainless steel sink design that features a sloped

sink floor and offset drain. "What's so unique about this combination is that it helps to maximize under-the-sink cabinet space – enough space that you can fit two 35-gallon trash/recycling containers under the left side of the sink, and keep your plumbing and garbage disposal contained in a separate cabinet."

#### SMOOTH OPERATIONS

Technology that aids in the easy operation and maintenance of sinks and faucets is on the rise as an important trend, manufacturers note.

"Around the sink and faucet, sensor and touch technologies are trending, as are hygienic materials," states Emens. "Consumers want the functionality they see in restaurants and hospitality in their own home environment to assist them when their hands are otherwise dirty or busy. They want faucets to turn on easily and surfaces to be easy to maintain."

"Electronic touchless and touch on/off faucets are quickly gaining in popularity, particularly in the kitchen, where this technology can help reduce the risk of cross-contamination in food preparation," says Giblin. "Electronic faucets are also very convenient in situations where the user's hands are full or dirty, so it's no surprise that this technology is taking off." ■