

# What's Hot in the Kitchen



## HOT KITCHEN TRENDS

from AyA Kitchens and Baths

### 1. Close the Door on Clutter

Here are innovative ways to maximize storage space in any size kitchen.

- Blind corner cabinets with "magic corner" lazy Susans.
- Anti-slam, full-extension drawers equipped with runners that glide smoothly.
- Stacked cabinets, pullout towel racks and one-, two- or three-bin recycling centres that are conducive to wet or dry waste management systems.



### 2. High Style

With the popularity of loft and condo living, cabinetry is being designed to rise to new heights, reaching upward to nine or 10 feet. Mixing cabinet heights, styles, woods and finishes gives the kitchen a personalized look.

### 3. Then and Now

Vintage and urban styles are equally popular trends in today's kitchen.

**VINTAGE:** Antique or vintage-style finishes in mushroom, latte and sea foam

**URBAN:** New species of wood in sleek styles with aluminum-framed glass door accents in wheat and ginger stains.

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### 4. Pro Shop

Professional cooks will agree that you're only as good as your equipment. Professional series appliances are all the rage, offering the cook advanced technology as well as a wider range of product, size and colour options.

### 5. Counter Offer

For high-traffic kitchens, low-maintenance, stain- and heat-resistant solid surface (Corian) and quartz (engineered stone) countertops are strong and stylish. They offer almost limitless design flexibility and an extensive colour palette. Plus, they're seamless, nonporous, antimicrobial and never have to be sealed. Priced similarly to granite, they're available in a variety of prices depending on colour and customized design.

### 6. Guys in the Kitchen

The trend for men in the kitchen is growing. Randy Albert of AyA Kitchen's showroom in Ajax, Ont., recently renovated the home kitchens of Tony Amaro, owner of The Opus Restaurant in Toronto's west end, and Vito Rizzuto, chef at Five Doors North in Toronto. "You're likely to see a guy design his kitchen with cherry wood and black countertops," says Vito. Men prefer beefy cabinets, large countertops, custom drawer dividers, pullout waste and recycle bins and anti-slam doors equipped with runners that glide as smoothly as luxury cars.

