

Trending styles

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In 2023, some of the trends for kitchens and baths were expected and others seem to have come as a surprise to the design community. For the past fifteen to twenty years, **white kitchens** have been favored by our clients 4:1 – whether they are the only cabinets in the kitchen or used in combination with another color, whites and off-whites have been dominant. Will they go completely out of style? Probably not – white creates a nice palette against which to accessorize with colors – and it's white, the absence of color, it's hard to hate that. But in the past few years we have started seeing a **trend toward warmer tones** – whether it's with wood floors, stained wood islands, white oak kitchens, textured laminates, brown and gold veins mixed into white countertops or copper accents, kitchens and baths are definitely warming up.

Although we have always been able to offer **custom colors** from Sherwin Williams and Benjamin Moore on many of our cabinetry lines, only recently are we seeing “standard” colors being offered in a much broader palette – wide range of greens, blues, blacks, reds and even purples. People are taking a few more risks and selecting colors that make them happy.

Continuing the decade old trend, **open floorplans** are still popular so we are often expanding the footprint of old kitchens, removing the wall that separates the dining room and/or living room, creating a natural flow from one room to the other. In terms of design, this means that each space should blend with the next, transitioning easily from one to the next.

The **mid-century modern** vibe has continued to grow more popular - natural and light finishes on maple mix well with painted finishes or make a statement on their own. **Slab style doors** are edging into the market that has been owned by shaker doors for all this century. Simplicity and durability in a style that's easy to clean – who doesn't appreciate that? Will the shaker door ever go away? No, but the modified “micro” shaker has shown the industry that there are other options that trend a bit more modern and feel updated.

Home décor styles change just as fashion trends do – but as with fashion, if you select something you love which is well made with quality components and it fits you well, you will always be in style!