

# Open the Tap on New Kitchen and Bath Faucet Designs

New models save on water and installation time, but have no shortage of style and thoughtful features

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A lot goes on in kitchens and bathrooms, but very little that doesn't involve water. These new faucet designs offer style and function across all price ranges, for some of the most-used fixtures in the house.



## **Safe & Stylish**

The Fluent bath collection incorporates universal design features along with elegant styling. The two-handle widespread and center-set faucets feature ADA-

compliant angled handles designed to be easier to grasp, while the single-handle design offers smooth rotation and a hot limit safety stop to achieve the desired water temperature without scalding. Discreet hot and cold handle indicators are also available. The collection's lavatory models deliver a water-saving 1.5 gallons-per-minute flow rate and incorporate pressure-compensating aerators. The matching bath faucets and shower trim are also WaterSense certified. Installers and homeowners will appreciate American Standard's Speed Connect drain assemblies for easy installation, tight seals, and lift rods that won't come loose. [americanstandard.com](http://americanstandard.com)



### **Digitally Driven**

Danze is adding two new kitchen faucets to its Did-U-Wave digital family. Both new faucets feature 3-inch infrared sensors for motion-activated functionality, LED task lighting at the tip of the spray head to provide illumination everywhere

the spray goes, and SnapBack technology for reliable hose retraction and head docking. The new designs are available in hard-wired AC or battery-powered DC models (only the AC versions feature task lighting). Other features include aerated and stream sprays, 2.2 gallons-per-minute flow rates, ceramic disc valves, and chrome or stainless steel finishes. [danze.com](http://danze.com).



### **Steel Through and Through**

Franke's Steel Series is just that. The collection of kitchen, bar, and prep faucets features solid stainless steel construction, inside and out, with no use of zinc or lead. The faucets' pull-down heads have a 21-inch hose reach and both full and needle spray patterns. Two additional specialty faucets round out the collection: A 9-inch kitchen faucet that accommodates lower cabinet clearances and features a pull-out instead of a pull-down head, and a pot filler with a full spray and 180-degree rotation. The faucets feature flow rates as low as 1.75 gallons per minute depending on the model, and are uncoated to withstand cleaning products and easily wipe free of fingerprints. [franke.com](http://franke.com)



### **Kitchen-to-Bath Expansion**

KWC's Zoe collection is expanding from the kitchen into the bathroom. The German-designed collection now includes three lavatory designs including single-lever, two-handle, and widespread basin-mounted models, as well as a single-lever wall-mount faucet with a straightened spout. The basin models feature the same curved shape of the kitchen collection. Also available in the Zoe bath collection are a tub spout and thermostatic or pressure-balanced shower valve trim kits. The bath faucets feature swivel spouts that rotate 45 degrees in either direction from center, improving users' ability to rinse the sink. All three lavatory faucets feature pressure-compensating Neoperl aerators with a water-saving 1.5 gallons-per-minute flow rate. [kwc.us.com](http://kwc.us.com).



### **Next-Generation Motion**

Moen's MotionSense technology is now available on the Sto and Align pull-down kitchen faucets. Both styles feature modern geometric designs and pull-down spray wands, and are available in chrome and the brand's proprietary SpotResist Stainless finishes. Sto is also available in matte black. In addition to availability on the new styles, the MotionSense technology itself has been updated. The new generation features water temperature control at the faucet handle when in hands-free mode. New streamlined installation steps also help MotionSense faucets go in faster than before. [moen.com](https://www.moen.com).

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