

# Top Trends for Kitchens in 2020

Kick off the decade in style with the latest materials, colors and other elements you may be seeing a lot more of soon. It's not only a new year but a new decade. And what the months and years ahead will bring is anyone's guess. One thing is for sure, though: The modern home and how people choose to live in it will constantly be changing. To get an idea of what's to come, we browsed thousands of home design photos, spoke with countless home design professionals, consulted the latest Houzz data and research, and looked at past articles to create a snapshot of home design trends we think will excite homeowners in 2020.

Let's Start with Kitchens:

**Three-tone kitchens.** Two-tone kitchen cabinets — meaning the upper cabinets are one color and the lower cabinets another color, or the perimeter cabinets are one color and the island is a different color — dominated kitchens in the past couple of years. So it's only natural that designers are building on the trend rather than doing away with it.

In a three-tone kitchen, one more color or material is introduced to create an asymmetry in the palette that helps define zones or functions and keeps the eye moving.



Here is a gorgeous kitchen with white perimeter cabinets, a light wood island base and a knockout powder-blue hutch.

The three-tone strategy in this kitchen is one of the most popular kitchen photos uploaded to Houzz in 2019. In the photo below, Sage-green cabinets surround a dark stained wood island base, while an inky painted window frame (Wrought Iron by Benjamin Moore) punches up the design considerably.



This cabinetry combines a honeyed white with green and two warm wood cabinets with open shelves flank the range. A wood X-detail contributes to the three-tone approach.

**Blue cabinets.** Speaking of blue cabinets, more and more interior designer and color expert predicts that the color will catch on even more in 2020. To balance out these dramatic darks, we are seeing equally liberal use of neutral to warm whites, such as wool and bone white. These are whites that have just the slightest touch of warmth to them, which keeps them clean and crisp-looking.



**Wood cabinetry is making a come-back.** An abundance of white oak cabinetry by makes for a warm and inviting kitchen that complements the wooded outdoors, visible through the large windows of this home.



**Mixing matte and glossy tile.** If you're looking for a subtler backsplash option, consider mixing up the finishes of your tile selection. This range wall backsplash is made up of 2-by-8-inch tiles, two-thirds of which have a matte finish; the remaining third have a glossy finish, creating a subtle visual contrast.



**Quartz.** As granite continues to decline in popularity, according to recent Houzz research, quartz seems to be steadily rising. The engineered stone is harder than granite and displays infinite variation with the many different styles and color combinations that are now available. It's also super heat-resistant and more scratch-resistant almost any other product on the market.

This kitchen, which was the most popular one uploaded in 2019, features a dramatic quartz island countertop.

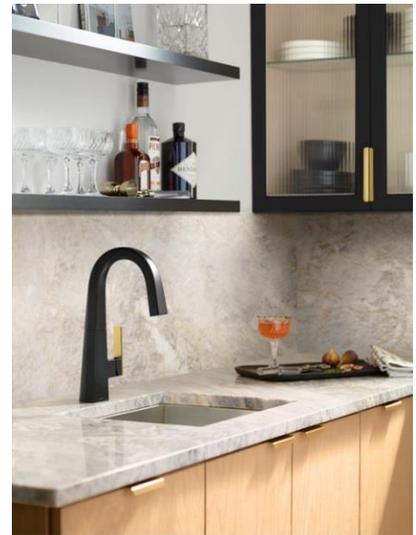
**Butcher block or other wood countertops.** If you're choosing a countertop material for an island that's different than your perimeter countertops, consider butcher block or a wood slab. Recent Houzz research reveals that among renovating homeowners who want a contrasting island material, 41% choose butcher block or a wood slab as an additional countertop material.





**Custom-colored appliances.** Also earlier this year, **Dacor** launched its DacorMatch Color System, which allows homeowners to get the company's Heritage ranges and wall ovens in any color they choose. That way the range can match a cabinet color or a color found in a backsplash tile mosaic, or even the color of a homeowner's favorite sweater.

**Mixed metal finishes on faucets.** Moen's Nio faucet, shown here in matte black, comes with the option of a different handle finish, such as brushed gold (shown in this photo), chrome, stainless steel and black stainless steel.



**Wood cabinets amid painted cabinets.** Another way designers are bringing a dose of warm wood to white cabinets is by using wood for just a few drawers or cabinet fronts. Again, it helps break up the large expanses of white or another color and introduces texture and warmth.

Here, walnut pullouts for pots and pans do the job of bringing a bit of cozy contrast to the frosty white cabinets and marble-look quartz countertops. Note also that the quartz-slab backsplash matches the countertop.



**Multifunctional island centers.** Kitchen islands are nothing new, but they certainly are evolving. We're seeing many homeowners take islands beyond just storage. And as we'll see, islands are getting bigger and are taking on more function. Nearly a third of renovating homeowners who are updating their island will add a microwave and a dishwasher, according to the latest Houzz research. A quarter of them will add a garbage disposal, and more than a fifth will add a cooktop.



That means islands are becoming multifunctional hubs in the kitchen, allowing various zones for cooking, prepping and cleaning. And it makes sense for the person in the kitchen performing all the main tasks to be facing the island, at which guests and family might be sitting, rather than the perimeter walls.

The island shown here includes a bar-height zone for sitting, a prep zone, a cooking zone, dish storage and a beverage fridge.

Beverage fridges are popular end-of-island features because they allow guests or family members to grab a drink without disrupting the cook in the kitchen.

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