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Kitchen Design Trends for 2013

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Thinking of remodeling a kitchen, but unsure of what colors or materials to consider? Want to know what some of the most popular choices people are making today and what industry experts see as trending for 2013? Here are some things to consider.

Classic White or Shades of Gray?

Here in New England, the white painted look has been one of the most



popular choices. Given its remarkable, upward climb, over the past three years nationwide, it's clearly "no fad". The popularity of white-painted cabinetry jumped from 47 percent to 59 percent in 2012 and further increased to 67 percent so far this year, according to the NKBA.

However, there has been a strong push within the last year towards gray tones, as evidenced by the release of many new finishes by manufacturers.

Don't be afraid of the dark!!

More and more we see that cabinet makers offer darker color choices in

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their palette of stains. Many people are hesitant to go with these deep hues, for fear that it will make their space feel smaller. But, with proper and adequate lighting, this is not the case. In fact, a darker finish can give a room a warmth that cannot be achieved by using lighter, cooler colors.

Make a splash with glass!

According to NKBA data, the preference for glass splashes has grown dramatically over the past three years. Natural stone tiles showed consistent growth during recent years, however usage trailed off a little this past year. Ceramic or porcelain tile still holds the top spot as far as popularity.



Brighten your life with L.E.D.!

As consumer awareness of energy efficiency has risen, it comes as no surprise that light-emitting diode,

or LED, lighting is increasing in popularity as the choice for kitchen task lighting. Also, significant advances in technology have given LED lighting a much improved brightness that, in some cases, rivals

that of halogen lighting. So you benefit by achieving similar lighting effects without the heat and expense. Recent numbers suggest that this trend has serious staying power.



Ask the experts!

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Jason has been designing custom kitchens and bathrooms for over 16 years. With a long history in the kitchen and bath industry that began in his family's custom cabinet shop, he learned every aspect of the business...from building cabinets, doing installation, and eventually designing and selling. This unique background gives Jason the ability to look at projects from a different perspective than many other designers. With every design he does, he tries to think of how it translates into the field. This ensures a smooth and trouble-free job for the installers. He believes that when talking with clients, everyone and every situation is unique. The best thing you can do is listen to what they are telling you, enabling you to identify both their wants and needs. Jason excels at transforming the clients' vision into a

job that exceeds expectations.

Jason has designed several spaces for regional design show houses and his work has been featured in publications such as DesignNJ.

When Jason is not at work, he enjoys running, surfing and playing hockey. But, his favorite pastime is spending time with his wife and two children.

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