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## Modern

## Revisited

At the 2006 Kitchen and Bath Industry Show in Chicago the new European-style cabinets and accessories created quite a buzz. The lustrous colors and pure linear forms were a delight to the eye. The Euro-style design

The Alectra series of frameless cabinets by Durasupreme offers unique veneers such as beech, wenge, bird's-eye maple and anegre. Stainless-steel-and-aluminum-framed doors complete the Euro-style look.

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Some new clients recently requested that we remodel their utility room and bathroom. During a design meeting, we were surprised to find they were trying to do other home improvement projects by themselves. They had already lined up a window company to replace their windows, but now they were concerned about finding a painter and someone to replace their siding. We suggested they let **Keilty Construction** take care of all that for them, and it was their turn to be surprised. They had no idea we provided such a wide range of services.

As a professional remodeler, Keilty Construction provides coordination of projects where multiple trades are involved. For instance, if you simply want to replace your carpet, you probably won't need us. If, however, you want to remove a wall prior to

replacing your carpet, we could be of tremendous help. Removal of a wall involves not only the flooring company but also a carpenter, electrician, drywaller, painter and potentially a plumber. Keilty Construction would coordinate these trades along with their carpenters so the work is done with the proper sequencing and you only have one company to call—Keilty Construction—not the individual trades directly. This relates to any size project—from a simple wall removal to full bathroom and kitchen remodels, all the way to room additions and/or house reconstruction. On remodels and additions where drafts people or architects are necessary, Keilty Construction will also work with you to design your project and see it through completion. So, if you have a home improvement project in mind, **give us a call!**

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# Modern Revisited

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credo is rooted in the Modern movement of the mid-1900s. However, the stark white minimalist look of those early years has evolved into something warmer and richer. There is a new emphasis on using line, color, form and materials in unexpected and exciting ways that gives each kitchen its own unique personality.

Unadorned natural as well as man-made materials—such as glass, tile, metal, wood, quartz and laminates—are often juxtaposed on the same surface for greater impact. Frosted or clear glass cabinets in luminous colors often feature interior lighting for a stunning effect. Stainless steel or brushed aluminum finishes, polished chrome or brushed nickel fittings, exotic wood grain veneer or vivid lacquer on the cabinets—all work together to create an exceptional whole.



KraftMaid's Venicia Lustra collection is a European-inspired frameless cabinetry line that includes 15 finishes—from high gloss hues to warm woodgrains.

Photo: Courtesy of KraftMaid Cabinetry, Inc. (www.kraftmaid.com)



Photo: Courtesy of The Metrix Group (407.622.5564)

The Dallas series from German manufacturer, Hofemeier, is made of American Walnut. It has wall cabinets with sliding glass tambour doors and LED lights behind the shelves.

Lines tend to be horizontal, emphasized by frameless flush cabinets with long, lean handles. Cabinets have little ornamentation or trim, letting the natural material speak for itself. Bi-fold, tambour and upward hinging doors make for versatility and accessibility, while cabinet and drawer storage systems minimize countertop clutter. Cabinets and worktops may be attached to the wall or supported on exposed metal legs, making them appear to float in mid-air. Curvilinear sculptural forms show up in elegant faucets and unique state-of-the-art ventilation hoods, softening the look.

In the United States, purely functional kitchen design went out of general favor after the 50s, when Modern came to be seen as cold and unemotional. As the kitchen

was developing into a space that encouraged family gatherings, the desire was for the kitchen to feel warm, relaxed and inviting. Since then, Traditional-style kitchens have been the preference in the U.S. market.

These perceptions have been gradually changing as Americans are being exposed to the new Euro-style. A current trend in kitchen design in the United States is the reemergence of the Modern movement. When Modern is interpreted by American designers today, they use Euro-style design features, but give it their own particular twist. This may be as simple as softening the room by using natural fibers in the furniture, fabrics, floor coverings and decorative artifacts—adding that casual, friendly feeling so valued by their clients. To those who are searching for a less complicated lifestyle, this shift toward the simplicity of Modern design makes a lot of sense. ■

## CANYON FAUCET

Introduced at the 2006 Kitchen and Bath Industry Show, the KWC CANYON faucet is an exciting new bath experience packaged in a minimalist geometric design. The bold stream of water is illuminated by an LED light band that turns from blue to red depending on water temperature. An electronic touch pad has control for the temperature on the left side, while the on/off control is on the right side. ■

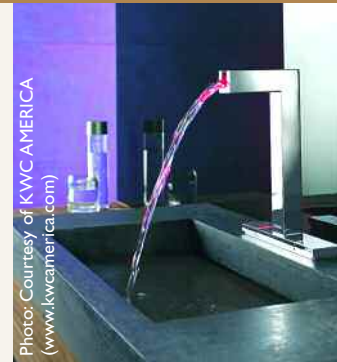


Photo: Courtesy of KWC AMERICA (www.kwcamerica.com)

# NIGHT LIGHTS

Thoughts of warm summer evenings spent outside on a garden patio or at the pool conjure up the best of memories. When the day comes to an end and the sun goes down, we are refreshed by the softer colors and the gentler sounds of the night, along with the reflective turn of the conversation.

As you begin planning for those beautiful moments to be spent outside this summer, don't forget the importance of good outdoor lighting. Lighting can enhance the visual experience of your home as you can more easily focus on interesting architectural features that may not be so easily noticed in the daytime. Fountains, flowerbeds, and trees are revealed in a new aesthetically pleasing way through the use of lighting. Well-planned lighting prolongs the hours of enjoyment of the outdoors, as well as contributes to safety and convenience for you and your guests. Through the use of lighting you can also add to the security of your home and grounds.

To accomplish these objectives, the lighting must be planned, designed and completed in a careful and organized manner. Some lighting effects are best executed early on, during the construction of your new patio or outdoor kitchen—so that the placement of wiring conduits can take place before the hardscape is finished. Most low voltage landscape lighting is installed around existing mature landscaping, with the exposed wiring hidden in the ground cover, placed into a slit in the turf, or covered with mulch.



Photo: By James F. Wilson/The New American Home 2006

A variety of light sources, from gas-fired tiki torches to wall-hung electric lanterns, spice up this patio at night.

With outdoor lighting you will want to avoid overly bright lights that shine into your windows and give your home the look of a commercial establishment. Your lighting plan should include a variety of techniques, but don't take it to the extreme. Installing preprogrammed lighting controls gives you the option of having the lighting palette change throughout the evening, depending on the mood you wish to create.

The ideal lighting system is one that meets your practical and aesthetic needs, while being easy to operate and maintain. ■

# The Latest and Greatest

## PURIST HATBOX TOILET

The Purist Hatbox toilet combines sleek modernism with outstanding function. An electronic actuator at the side of the toilet activates an enclosed pump, providing a powerful flush with only 1.6 gallons of water. With an option for the water supply line to come up through the floor and attach inside the bowl, the tankless toilet is exceptionally easy to clean.

In 2005, the Purist Hatbox toilet received a Gold Industrial Design Excellence Award from the Industrial Designers Society of America and a Good Design award from the Chicago Athenaeum-Museum of Architecture and Design. ■



Photo: Courtesy of Kohler Co. (www.KOHLER.com)

## WATER TILES

With a nearly flush installation, Kohler's WaterTile bodysprays create a smooth uncluttered shower wall and ceiling—ideal for the modern environment. Despite the streamlined design, the direction of the WaterTile sprays is easily adjustable. The WaterTile also comes as a wall-mount showerhead that uses the same design, but is wrapped in a sleeve.

The WaterTile showerheads and bodysprays earned the prestigious Germany-based iF Seal of Design Excellence Award in 2006. ■

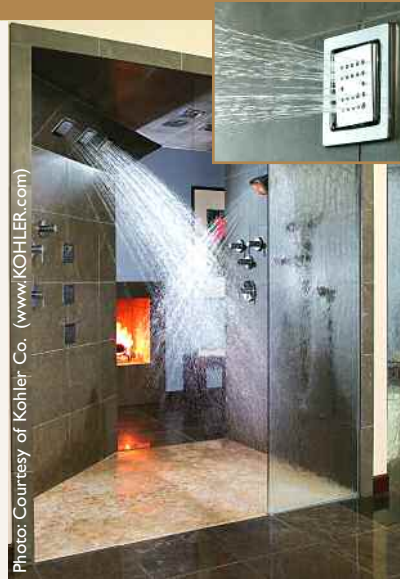


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## Cooking Up A New Look

After much thought and research, Robert and Paula Peck decided to remodel their existing home rather than move. Their remodel included increasing their current living space by 800 sq ft by adding a new kitchen and family room. **Keilty Construction** worked with the Pecks from design and drafting through project completion. The project also included gutting the entire downstairs of their split-entry home and converting the existing kitchen into a formal dining room, updating the finishes in the living room, including a new marble fireplace and French doors that open to the new family room.

The previous family room is now a wonderful combination den and office for both Robert and Paula who handle much of their business from home.

Paula is most excited about her beautiful kitchen as she has done some catering over the years and this new kitchen is much more functional than her previous kitchen (see "before" photo). The island with its huge work surface and vegetable sink with garbage disposal sets the space up for more than one cook for those large gatherings that Paula caters to in her new spacious home. The rooster theme in the home comes from Paula being raised on an egg ranch in Southern California. She considers herself just a country girl with big city taste.

With the addition complete, Robert and Paula look forward to entertaining family and friends with the gourmet meals that come from the kitchen that had been only a dream for many years. *Paula's Country Cookin* watch out, there's a new Paula in town. ■



Before



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