

# It's Time To Upgrade!

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There are exciting trends in the hardware and plumbing industry that designers are using in the most modern-looking estates. The great news is, they can easily breathe new life into an existing home for anyone looking to simply refresh an existing area.

Galley workstations have become the new favorite to feature on a large center island or bar area. They can also be installed outdoors, for pool-side entertaining. These stations are the ultimate culinary system where food can be prepared and served all at one place. They make cooking and cleanup easier and are offered in cool finishes; including stainless steel, matte gold, matte brass and black stainless steel.

Wall-hung toilets, which have been used around the world for decades, are now available in America. Architects and designers are finding they not only look attractive, they make the best use of a small space and consume less water. They can even have a bidet feature. According to Clyde Hardware company, they're one of the strongest trends this decade.

Wall-hung vanities, which for years have been a popular European design, are now trending in the US market. Glass, wood and solid surface vanity tops are available in a variety of colors and material combinations.

Streamlined, minimalist-designed door & cabinet hardware is all the rage. Levers and the return of knob applications without rosettes provides a cleaner feeling. Lighter finishes are now offered in white bronze, satin brass, satin gold, satin nickel and stainless steel. These finishes can also have a hard-durable coating applied to them called physical vapor deposition (PVD) which allows the base metals to maintain their original finish with little to no wear.



Modern Metal Designs out of California has caught the design world by storm. They offer incredibly cool looking laser-cut doors, sliders, grills and panels that can be used for various applications ranging from gates to closets. Each design is custom to the size and offered in a variety of metals and finishes.

These hot new items can not only add beauty and functionality to a dwelling, they can make both daily living and entertaining even more enjoyable.

