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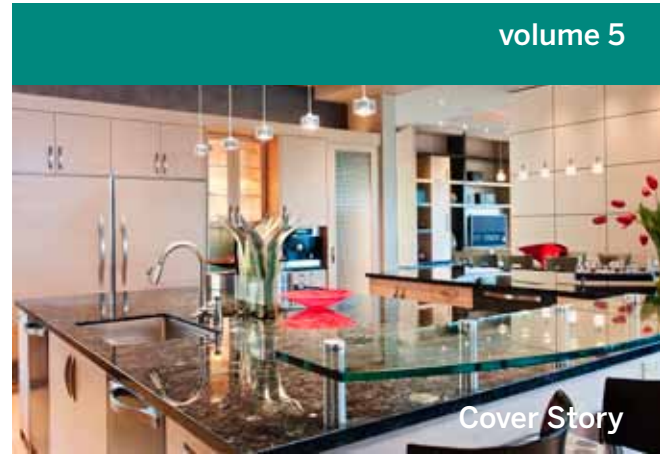
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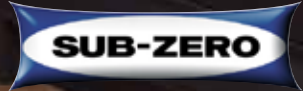
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# *portfolio* Presents

*Portfolio presents a collection of innovative products to enhance your life. Here we feature appliances and products that are great additions to your lifestyle. Inquire about the products on this page at any of our showrooms!*



cover story *Focus*  
TUCSON, ARIZONA

by Dina Harvey, *Westar Kitchen & Bath*  
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**Have you been thinking about remodeling** a room or two in your house or perhaps it's finally time to take the plunge into a complete home remodel?

With all the reports and buzz about the housing market, we continue to hear that many people are deciding to stay put in their current home. Expanding for multigenerational living or perhaps just the need to "refresh" the look of a home has people pouring through design magazines and researching the latest in home improvement trends.

According to The National Association of Home Builders, the most recent Remodeling Market Index (RMI) indicates that the residential remodeling market showed improvement during the first quarter of 2009. The market conditions measure rose to 34.5 from 25.5 for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Lori Carroll, an award-winning interior designer and owner of Lori Carroll & Associates, LLC in Tucson, Arizona has seen the increase toward remodeling.

"Remodels have made a huge resurgence. I find clients are comfortable with the location of their home; however they want to update the kitchen and bathrooms. The product availability is so diverse from appliance sizes, colors and features to the plumbing fixtures...it allows builders, designers and homeowners the ability to be creative while maintaining functionality."

The home featured here was a remodel completed by Lori Carroll's firm. The homeowners purchased the home because they loved the location, views, functionality and the backyard. Knowing the house was in need of a true update, they hired Lori's team to create a comfortable interior for the family's active lifestyle.

Brilliant colors and contemporary elements were used to transform both the kitchen and baths. What was truly important to these homeowners was to have a kitchen that would allow many activities to occur; cooking, entertaining, family gatherings and an area for the children to do homework. By including two microwaves, a double oven, warming drawer, beverage center and coffee maker, this busy family now has the convenience and functionality they need.

The bathrooms were also completely remodeled. When it came to the master bath, the homeowners were open to creativity. Their main concern was storage, so large storage cabinets now surround the bathroom. And since the bathroom has such a tremendous view, a glass block window was replaced with a large fixed window, letting in those majestic views of the Arizona desert.

The powder room is truly spectacular, featuring an





ability is going to throw off the schedule, a reselection may need to occur; however when a large remodel is in progress it may not be as much of an issue due to the short time frame.”

The transformation of this kitchen and the bathrooms is stunning and the homeowners were completely satisfied and pleased with how everything turned out. They told Lori, “We love our home. We have so much to be thankful for that we find it difficult to go on vacation because we have everything one would need at home.”

Making your home your palace, your sanctuary, your comfort zone, your dream is within reach. Knowing what elements are important, choosing a style that suits you and remembering that functionality is key will help make your next home improvement project that much easier. ■

For more information on Lori Carroll, go to [www.loricarroll.com](http://www.loricarroll.com).

explosion of soft, beautiful colors. Continuing with the home’s contemporary theme, colorful glass tiles were used to line the walls and a trendy vessel sink with state of the art fixtures were added to complete the look.

When getting ready for a remodeling project, knowing what is important to you and what your expectations are is key. Here are some key points Lori discusses with her clients at the beginning of a project:

**For the kitchen**

- Appliance fuel type
- Single or multiple dishwashers
- Built-in or free-standing cooking and refrigeration appliances
- Flooring preference
- Lighting requirements
- Additional space required
- Finish preference: copper/bronze/nickel/chrome
- Appliance garage for countertop appliances

**For the bath**

- Shower/steam shower/tub
- Storage requirements
- Single large sink or two smaller sinks
- Allergies
- Lighting requirements
- Space to expand
- Bidet/toilet

**For both kitchen & bath**

- Budget /time frame
- Projected amount of time client expects to live in the home
- Style of design: contemporary/traditional/transitional
- Green design/sustainability
- Colors that appeal to the client

Overcoming challenges with any construction project is necessary and this project was no exception.

“This remodel occurred during a very busy time and it was sometimes challenging to keep subcontractors on the job site. Product availability can also become an issue. If avail-





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# Bottled water:

## reduce your use!

by Beth Jack, *Florida Builder Appliances*



**Water. We have been educated by various resources** that we need to drink at least 8 glasses a day to remain healthy and hydrated. It's not surprising these days that a bottle of water has become a common accessory. Although, recent studies prove that bottled water is not any healthier than most tap water; roughly 40 percent of bottled water begins as tap water. As we all become more conscious of our environment and the benefits of staying hydrated, we may want to ditch that bottled water and substitute it with filtered water and a portable, reusable container.

According to recent statistics, more than 80% of plastic bottles end up in landfills or incinerators. Millions of plastic bottles litter roads, beaches, and waterways and we spend hundreds of millions of dollars each year for their disposal and cleanup. Getting rid of plastic bottles is no easy task. Incineration releases toxic gases and ashes and plastic is not biodegradable, so it will remain wherever it is dumped for 1,000 years. In addition, manufacturing bottled water is extremely expensive. It takes 17 million barrels of oil to create 28 billion water bottles and 3 liters of water to produce 1 liter of bottled water! In addition to these costs, the water needs to be transported to various destinations which requires more usage of oil thus creating more carbon dioxide gases.

U.S. water quality standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency are more stringent for tap water than the FDA's standards for bottled water. Therefore, we all have access to clean, affordable drinking water. Most of us drink bottled water because we think it tastes better; better tasting, clean water can also be achieved at home with a point of use system.

Home water filtration systems are a simple, cost effective solution. Most systems are quick to install and can be placed underneath your sink and plumbed into your cold water line. The filtered water is served through a separate dedicated faucet to dispense water for drinking and cooking. When choosing a home filtration system make sure you look for a model that is certified by NSF International. NSF is an independent testing agency that sets product standards and certifies the performance of point of use systems. Commercial grade systems are available for home use at a reasonable cost. They are the most desirable because they remove water-borne contaminants, bacteria and cryptosporidium. Many residential refrigerators also feature NSF certified water filters.

If you are replacing the fridge, be sure to ask about the quality of the water filter.

The next time you are tempted to purchase bottled water, imagine what 100+ million empty plastic bottles look like. As the world's population grows, the situation will only get worse unless we start to change our habits, immediately. Making the world a better place starts by making small changes on a daily basis, please do your part today to reduce your carbon footprint! ■



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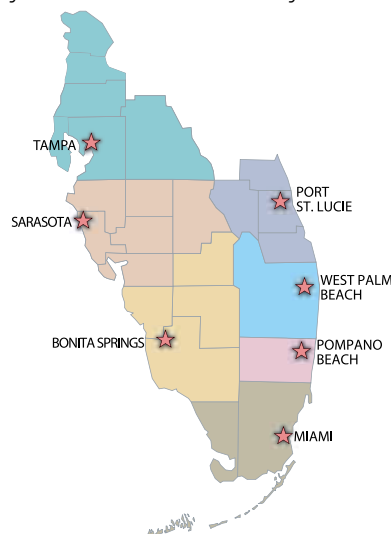
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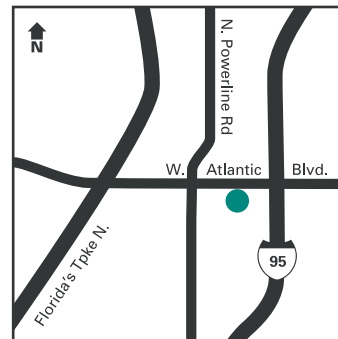
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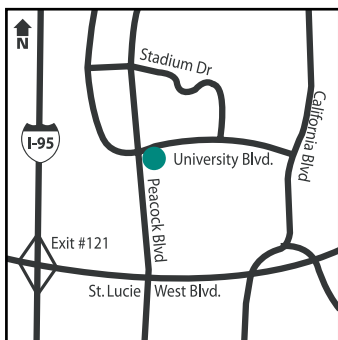
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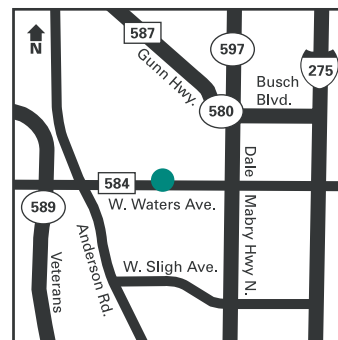
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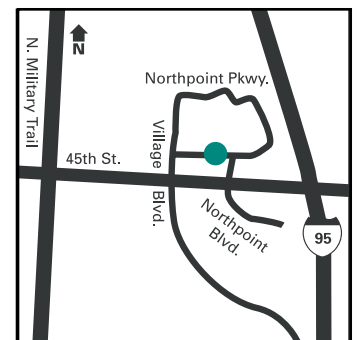
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# everything ... and the *Kitchen sink*

by Dan Odetto, *Standards of Excellence North*

Choosing plumbing fixtures and accessories can be challenging as well, given the sheer number of brands, shapes, and sizes. While to some it may seem insignificant, fixtures can actually change the face of your kitchen. Indecisiveness about what will be used can even delay other product installations and the flow of your kitchen work.

There are literally hundreds of brands of plumbing fixtures in the marketplace, today, from inexpensive to "over the top." When you are getting specific, you must first decide the type of countertop you are going to use. The color and texture play a HUGE role in deciding which brand and material you will choose for the sink and faucets. Thankfully, there is a brand and material for everyone and every kitchen.

When picking faucets, air gaps, soap dispensers, and any other piece, you have to consider how you will be using it, how it will be installed, and, what has worked for you in the past. The sink grate is great! It keeps pots and dishes out of stagnant water and protects the bottom of a stainless steel sink from any damage from dropping pots and pans. A cutting board that fits the sink can make chopping and clean up simple, with one swipe of the board into the disposer.

Of course, the concealed appliance that we can't live without is the disposer. Thankfully, there are many reputable brands from which to choose. Companies today make high quality disposers with extremely quiet operation. Determine your needs, and you'll get a fine product.

A fabulous addition to the disposer is the countertop air switch. No more will you have to dry your hands, or even stop cooking to wash them before walking to a wall switch. These imbedded switches use a bead of forced air to activate the control below the counter. No chance of a shock. Build a small button right into your countertop and you've added ease of use with a safe control, not to mention an aesthetic improvement.

Take time early to plot out your wants and needs. In the long-run, an expert designer will save you money on almost any project. And, don't skimp. Get the best sink and plumbing fixtures that fit your budget. It's amazing how pleased the remodeler can be with the proper size and look of their plumbing. It's just that important.

So...good luck and good cooking. ■

## **Building a home, or remodeling an existing home,**

involves hundreds of decisions. You're faced with mounds of samples, a host of products, and finding the right people to help with your decisions. Daunting, to say the least, but manageable. Cabinets, appliances, countertops, even the shape of your lawn are just a few of the areas you will have to research, budget and ultimately make decisions about to see your dream come true. Some decisions carry greater importance than others, but truth be told, the choices you make ultimately affect your overall happiness. It's extremely important to think things through, enlist the help of professionals, and imagine the space now with it's changes, as a functional place.

Hands down an essential element to the kitchen is a sink; maybe even two. Often this is viewed as a simple selection in the overall scheme of things. But, I ask you to think about how often you use this "appliance." The kitchen is the center of the home, and the sink is the center of the kitchen. How it works for you in preparation, cleaning, and even storage of foods and culinary equipment can make all the difference in how friendly your kitchen is to your household. Put yourself into real life situations when you are deciding about the size, shape, color, and depth of this frequently used and permanent fixture.

Stainless steel is the most popular material for sinks, these days. It's virtually indestructible when undermounted into a stone countertop. With a variety of shapes and sizes, your sink choice can help you achieve just about any vision you have for your kitchen. From undermount rectangular, to eclectically shaped ovals and squares, to apron fronts and farm sinks, you can accomplish any look with a sink design.

Do be careful of the pitfalls. Lesser quality products can pose serious consequences. Thickness of the steel, quality of the metal, and even a poor design for manufacturing can compromise the life and the appearance of your sink, in the long term. Poor quality can even doom you to a noisier workspace.

For one who is looking for an alternative, there are new composite sinks out there that represent a real shift in the industry. One, in particular is a sink material called, "Siligranite." It is extremely durable, much like stainless steel, but it has no patina that can emerge after years of use. It always looks new. Available in a variety of colors, this type of sink adds the look of true stone! New shapes have been introduced with sizing from small bar units to huge rectangular basins. There's something for everyone.



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# delight in universal *Design*

by Nick Kress, *Standards of Excellence North*



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**Selecting your appliance package can be one** of the most educational and rewarding events when planning your new kitchen. With all of the options available, it is important that your wants, needs and desires are communicated well. Consider how long you plan to stay in the home and who will be using the appliances during that time. Increasing numbers of consumers are considering this their final project and need their home to function for any life stage. Designing your home with the intent to stay and to have it fit any lifestyle is known as Universal Design.

Appliance manufacturers understand the demand for these long-term products not only in quality, but also in functionality. Many products that have emerged onto the market are designed to accommodate any age or physical ability. An adolescent, adult or senior with limited physical ability should be able to use all the appliances with equal access.

Refrigeration options are becoming more stylish and functional with the emergence of new full-size and undercounter options. Full-size units include an assortment of modules that provide refrigerator and freezer access at all elevations, ice and water through the door and wine storage with glass doors. Undercounter refrigerators come in various widths and double drawer units are now available. Lighting in almost all refrigeration products has improved; even when the units are full products on all shelves are visible.

Features on cooking products have greatly improved with this trend for long-term use. Ovens with side-swing doors allow you to be right in front of the oven when loading and unloading without having to reach over the oven door. There is also an oven whose floor operates like an elevator, lowering to load food and rising again to seal the cavity and cook. Most oven displays are bright and easy to read and the on screen instructions are easy to follow. Many cooktops give you the ability to lock the controls so that younger children or adults cannot accidentally turn them on. Some electric cooktops even turn burners off when a pan is removed and the burner is left on. Professional-style range tops

now offer the option of indicator lights on the control knobs that illuminate when the burners are on, especially beneficial when the burner is set on simmer and the flame is difficult to see. Microwave ovens now come in a very unique drawer design. These drawers can be installed in a wall cabinet or under the counter, creating more accessibility.

Ventilation hoods have always posed a problem with the height of the controls out of the reach of a user. Many hoods are now offered with the option of a remote control. Some ventilation hoods even come with sensors to automatically turn the hood on when the heat exhausting from the cooktop reaches a level that requires ventilation. This safety feature prevents excessive heat build up and possible damage to person or property.

To create a seamless kitchen design, dishwasher manufacturers have created dishwasher drawers that come as double or single units. This provides every possible configuration of dishwasher that you could desire.

Finally, the laundry room has evolved to increase accessibility. Front load washers with matching dryers can be installed under a counter, but many users have elected to install the laundry sets on pedestals raising them an additional 10" to 15" making loading and unloading much easier.

All of these features provide the ability to use appliances as our lives change. Even though we all anticipate living long, healthy lives, we cannot foresee changes in our vision, hearing and physical dexterity and how those might affect our ability to use our homes as fully intended. By looking ahead and selecting products that accommodate all stages of life, you can maximize your investment and avoid future costs and frustration. Enjoy every day you are in your home, you deserve it! ■



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