

THE HAMPTONS DESIGN GUIDE 2021

**YOUR HAMPTONS
DREAM HOME
BUILT TO PERFECTION
FANTASY KITCHENS
AND BATHS
THE GREAT OUTDOORS
READY, SET, DECORATE!
SHOPPING IN STYLE
THE LIST**

FROM THE EDITORS OF

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CHAPTER THREE

FANTASY KITCHENS AND BATHS

Now that people are spending more time at home, kitchen and bath design has never been more important. With streamlined style and functionality top of mind, our pros have great suggestions for pulling off modern magic



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KITCHENS 101: PLAIN WHITE OR BRIGHT AND BOLD?



“Bold statements should be made simply. I don’t want clients coming to me in five years saying their kitchen looks dated.”

— Timothy Godbold

“With a bold color, make sure it’s something you can live with. It’s one thing to look at it in a magazine, and another when you wake up to it every day.”

— Janine Carendi MacMurray

“Clients’ personalities usually match their color choices. People who are a bit more eclectic usually feel comfortable with more color.”

— Cristina Peffer

“Bold colors are a great accent in a kitchen that has lots of natural wood. Or try painting your upper cabinets a bright color and lower cabinets a neutral hue.” — Timothy Godbold

“No matter what, make sure the hardware and the colors on the walls work together. There’s a difference between color and noise. I like color, but when there’s too much noise, it’s disruptive.” — Cristina Peffer

“If you’re planning to sell your house soon, then it’s best to err on the side of caution and go with a crowd-pleasing white.” — Michael Mezzano

OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS

Timothy Godbold
Interior designer,
Timothy Godbold Ltd.

Janine Carendi MacMurray
Interior designer,
Area Interior Design

Michael Mezzano
Interior designer,
Michael Mezzano Design

Cristina Peffer
Interior designer,
Ram Design



“You can never get tired of a white kitchen. Use other elements—lighting, appliances, marble—to make it more interesting.”

— Janine Carendi MacMurray

TOP: ALEC HEIMER (NOVEMBER 2018); BOTTOM: PETER MURDOCK (SEPTEMBER 2020)

SMART WAYS TO INCORPORATE STORAGE



“Plugging in and concealing appliances behind a cabinet helps you avoid cluttering the countertops.”

— Janine Carendi MacMurray

“A tall, narrow pullout pantry cabinet for spices allows you to keep them in order and see them from both sides.” — Michael Mezzano

“I like having drawers and shelves hidden behind cabinet doors, along with additional organizational compartments. I grew up on a boat, so I know how important it is to use every bit of space for storage.”

— Cristina Peffer

“Companies like Amuneal create suspended storage systems for glassware and dinnerware. You can mount them above an island, which is usually wasted dead space, anyway.” — Timothy Godbold

“Save valuable counter space by affixing a paper-towel rack to the inside of a cabinet door.”

— Michael Mezzano



TOP: TRIA GIOVANI (JULY 1, 2019); BOTTOM: MICK HALES (AUGUST 15, 2019)



IS OPEN SHELVING STILL POPULAR?

The pros we spoke with all agree that open shelving is a great design element and can make a big impact in your kitchen. But know what you're getting into. "Open shelving can make a small kitchen appear larger, and you can also have fun with the backsplash," says designer Janine Carendi MacMurray, who adds that this scenario is best for "an organized person who doesn't cook much." Cristina Peffer suggests that it's a great option "for those who want to show off their collections of ceramics, glass, and metals," although Michael Mezzano cautions that "the shelves tend to get dusty and you can't cram things onto them, like you might in a cabinet." Decorator Timothy Godbold favors open shelves for their "easy access" and ability to "show off beautiful dinnerware," but also warns against "constant cleaning and maintenance."

TRIA GIOVANI (JUNE 2020)

COUNTERTOPS FOR EVERY BUDGET



LOW:

"Butcher-block counters require maintenance, but they add warmth to a kitchen." —Michael Mezzano



MEDIUM:

"Absolute rain-washed granite or black flat granite from Caesarstone both have longevity." —Timothy Godbold



HIGH:

"Statuary marble, or a marble with heavy veining." —Janine Carendi MacMurray

TOP TO BOTTOM: MARILU FORASTIERI (JULY 1, 2012); CHRISTOPHER PATRICK (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019); TRIA GIOVANI (JUNE 2018)

TOP FIVE WHAT CLIENTS WANT NOW

1 "More color—even clients who are color-shy are getting more adventurous lately."

—Janine Carendi MacMurray



2 "Wood floors, which are always warm-looking against solid cabinetry."

—Michael Mezzano

3 "Stainless-steel appliances and cabinet fronts, and generally surfaces that can take a beating, since so many people have been cooking at home recently."

—Timothy Godbold



4 "The ability to interact with guests and family while they're cooking. Some even want kitchen islands with the stove facing out."

—Cristina Peffer

5 "Walnut instead of white oak."

—Timothy Godbold



BATHROOMS 101:

HOW DO YOU MAKE A BIG STATEMENT IN A SMALL BATHROOM?



"If there's enough open wall space, center the mirror instead of placing it directly above the vanity." —Timothy Godbold

"Beautiful lighting is key, and it needs to be bold in order for it to have an impact." —Cristina Peffer



"A gallery wall of small canvases is unexpected and makes the room seem grander than it actually is." —Michael Mezzano

"When decorating, think of the bathroom as a magical jewel box, from the wall treatments and lighting to the mirror and every last detail." —Cristina Peffer

LEFT: RIKKI SNYDER; RIGHT: TRIA GIOVAN (JULY 15, 2019)

"Keep wall tile simple, but try something more experimental on the floor to add interest. Carrying a pattern into a step-in shower also helps create the appearance of a larger space."

—Janine Carendi MacMurray

"Incorporate interesting millwork. In a small space, you can get funky and have fun."

—Timothy Godbold

MATERIAL GOODS:

ALL IN THE MIX?

"Natural stone always works against wood, particularly teak." —Cristina Peffer

"Try granite or honed travertine for your countertops."

—Timothy Godbold

"I love a good mix, but a composite material against real stone is a no-no. You don't want fake veining and real veining together."

—Michael Mezzano



"Stick with one color metal and one type of wood. A combo of stainless steel and walnut, for example, will give you a cool, modern look."

—Timothy Godbold

"A stone slab can be really nice on floors." —Michael Mezzano

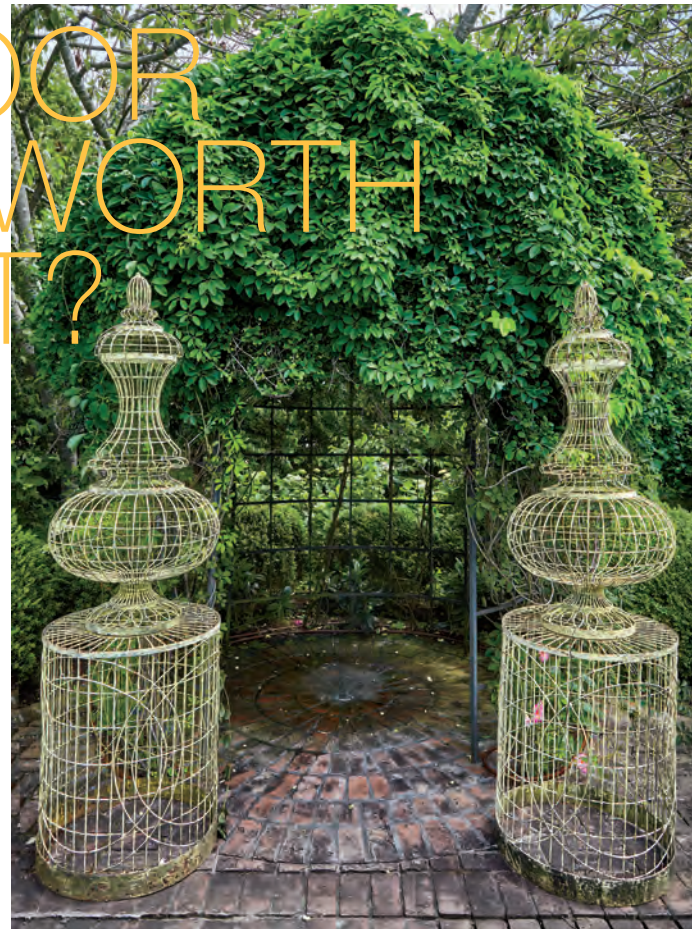
"Textured wallpaper juxtaposed against stone warms up a space that would otherwise feel cold with tile."

—Janine Carendi MacMurray

PIETER MURDOCK (AUGUST 15, 2019)

ARE OUTDOOR SHOWERS WORTH THE EFFORT?

“Absolutely. But invest in the right material, such as weather-resistant teak.” —Cristina Peffer



“There’s something amazing about showering outside. Try using unlacquered brass hardware: The way its patina changes over time is really beautiful.”

—Janine Carendi MacMurray

“Outdoor showers are good for the soul and great for rinsing off after coming back from the beach or before jumping into the pool.”

—Michael Mezzano

TOP: TRIA GIOVAN (SEPTEMBER 2020); BOTTOM: TRIA GIOVAN (JUNE 2019)

KIDS' BATHROOMS: WHY SPOIL THE FUN?



“You can have a lot of fun in a children’s bathroom without dumbing down the more permanent fixtures. A whimsical wallpaper or light fixture can easily be replaced in the future.”

—Janine Carendi MacMurray

“Choose wisely. If everything is too young or thematic, changes can be expensive to make later.” —Michael Mezzano

“Keep two things in mind: functionality, for easy use, and longevity, so kids don’t grow out of them. Give these spaces a level of sophistication that will last.”

—Cristina Peffer

TOP FIVE WHAT CLIENTS WANT NOW



1 “Practical bathrooms that don’t feel cluttered.”

—Janine Carendi MacMurray

2 Great water pressure in the shower.” —Cristina Peffer

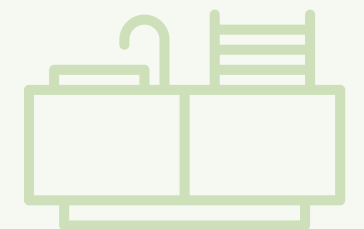


3 “Radiant-heat floors, a simple palette, and an overall sense of calm.”

—Michael Mezzano

4 “Lots of storage and ample countertop space.”

—Timothy Godbold



5 “Gorgeous bathtubs are back in vogue. People are home more often now and definitely want a beautiful tub.”

—Cristina Peffer

