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▲ **FINELINES INTERIORS**

Readers' Choice, Contemporary Interior Design

A modern farmhouse sensibility is at play in this Monterey, Massachusetts, mountainside retreat. Natural elements like concrete, wood and glass are paired with a taupe and off-white palette to connect with the rustic setting and lessen visual distractions. Easy-care fabrics and furniture on wheels make for a space that's waterproof and modular.



AUSTIN + SAN ANTONIO

▲ **ETCH DESIGN GROUP**

Readers' Choice, Kitchen

This Austin kitchen, open to the room beyond, takes inspiration from the vast island's quartzite countertop, which features a striated blue-gray background swirled with gold, white and teal tones. Adding sparkle and texture: a three-dimensional white tile backsplash, deep gray upper and lower cabinets, a stainless-steel range hood and polished-brass accents throughout.

PROMOTION

LIVING IN A MATERIALS WORLD

FROM BOLD CABINETRY TO BEAUTIFUL BACKSPASHES, DISCOVER THE HOTTEST KITCHEN TRENDS



PHOTO: MARCO RICCA

We tapped designer and National Kitchen + Bath Association board member Young Huh to break down what's new and next in the luxury market.

What kind of stone is commanding attention in high-end kitchens today? Beautiful natural stone with dramatic movement and interesting veining is probably what most high-end homeowners are hankering for. We are seeing a lot of extraordinary slab installations, sometimes with book-matching. Stone such as sequoia brown, which looks like petrified wood, and dalmata white, which has dramatic black rippling, are very popular.

When it comes to backsplashes, which patterns or tiles are having a moment? We just developed a line of mosaic tiles with AKDO that are based on mathematical patterns. I think people are looking for attractive geometrics that also incorporate color. There was a long period of simple white kitchens and baths; I think we're going to see movement away from that with color, pattern and drama.

What are some popular finishes you're seeing with faucets or hardware? Black plumbing is giving brass and chrome a run for its money. A touch of black always gives a little snap to your decor.

We all know cabinets play in a big role in defining the kitchen space. What do you predict will be hot next? We're going to be seeing a lot of burnished metal in cabinetry. The doors are wood, but the finish has a brushed-metallic look. Burnished metallics are not only fingerprint-friendly but also a more livable version of high-octane metallic glamour.

