

# WHAT'S COOKING IN THE KITCHEN?



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It's no secret that kitchen remodels are popular among homeowners. Who doesn't want to replace laminate countertops, old appliances and drafty windows? Plus, studies show that kitchen remodels are one of the best ways to increase the value of a home. So, what are some of the latest trends for kitchen remodels?

**NATURE CALLS** — "One trend I'm seeing is the resurgence of wood tones," says Christy M. Bowen, Certified Master Kitchen and Bath Designer and owner of Twelve Stones Designs in Austin. "More

people are craving the look of wood grain and natural wood stains." She adds, "I love that stained wood is coming back. The warmth and richness of wood grain is cozy, and indoor organic elements have a very calming and grounding effect."

Jill Siegel, Chief Inspiration Officer for LAVISH kitchen + bath in Austin and (soon) San Antonio, says, "Walnut and white oak have beautiful linear grains and on-point tones which will continue to be popular for kitchens in 2022. Walnut's naturally rich color is neutral, making slab-front walnut kitchens a favorite

going forward. With white oak, walnut's lighter counterpart, it's also neutral and gorgeous in color with an entirely modern feel and richness, creating an on-trend palette for a timeless design."

**COLOR THEORY** — But what about color? According to Bowen, "White cabinets are still a classic mainstay, but I'm also seeing more of the two-toned cabinet look that was so popular 20 years ago. This was a design trend that incorporated stained wood cabinet boxes and painted doors, or vice versa."

Siegel says, "White kitchens will continue to dominate in 2022. Black kitchens will continue to be popular as well. Blue will stick around and become classic, but we see green also making a big splash this year! Scandinavian-inspired soft neutrals, as well as pops of peach, will all be trending in 2022."

**ENDURING STYLE** — It's important to remember that trends come and go, but the best design trends are always rooted in beauty and functionality, and those design trends will endure. ♦

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