



BRASS IS BACK BABY!



THE LATEST KITCHEN DESIGN TREND

Some say what goes around comes around. We all remember brass as one of the most popular finishes of the 20th century - and we can see why it's making a comeback in today's trendiest kitchens. Brass offers a warm contrast to the cool nickel and chrome that has dominated kitchen fixture finishes over the past couple of decades. Plus it's easy to mix in with other metals to liven up a space.

Still think of brass as simply part of a bygone era? Just take a closer look at the pictures on this page. Nothing old-fashioned here! A variety of eye-catching sleek finishes add both drama and warmth to the neutral, earthy color palettes people are currently favoring. Brass is making an appearance in everything from cabinet hardware to lighting fixtures to adding interest to furniture. And guess what? Brass works seamlessly with any style, so it's easy to integrate, even if you're not looking to do a complete kitchen renovation.

If you want to try updating your existing kitchen, a good place to start is replacing your kitchen cabinet hardware. It's not terribly difficult or messy, and you can bring home samples of various styles and finishes to see what works. One tip: if your other finishes are polished, like faucets and appliance handles, opt for a softer, matte finish on the brass hardware. The contrast is more pleasing to the eye. You can also add brass accent pieces like vases that are a subtle way to make your kitchen look well thought out and finished.



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