## **7 Great Trends for Kitchens**

## KITCHEN DESIGN ADVICE FROM SUSAN CRUPI DIRECTOR OF DESIGN SERVICES AT DAVID R. CRUPI LLC



Combine the modern with the traditional for transitional style. The Shaker-style cabinet doors were updated with wider stiles and rails and stainless hardware instead of wood to create a look that gives "a nod to the simplicity of the past that speaks to today's cleaner aesthetic."

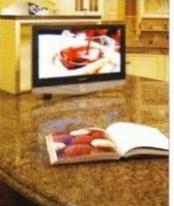


Crupi says that while granite is still the most popular choice for countertops, new textures, like this leathered Cambrian Black granite, are a hot new style. She adds that they're great for homes with kids as fingerprints and streaks don't show up quite as much.

Bringing the outside indoors with natural colors is still a popular trend in New England and around the country. Here that is achieved with autumnhued cherry wood with a natural stone backsplash.



"Take a walk on the lighter side," says Crupi. "One of today's most popular kitchen color palettes pairs eggshell cabinets with mocha glaze, taupe travertine floors and dark espresso countertops."



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"Never life a heavy mixer again" says Crupi. "With a touch of a button it glides out of the cabinet, plugged in and ready to go! Marble slabs that stay cooler longer are preferred by bakers for kneading and rolling dough"



"This floating island does double duty as a tea cart," says Crupi. "Use it to unload groceries, set the dining room table hors d'oeuvres."

"If your kitchen can accommodate a professional range something like this 48" Viking with a griddle in stainless is the way to go.



