

Finishing Touches for the Kitchen

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“In New England, where we have a lot of traditional architecture, we are still [designing kitchens] that range from traditional to contemporary to everything in between,” Crupi says.



Kitchen hardware should be selected based on what suits the project and the person, she advises, but overall, the trend is toward something less ornate. “People want a simpler, less-cluttered feel and a cleaner aesthetic,” Crupi says. To achieve this, she suggests using “a combination of knobs and bar pulls, or bar pulls on both doors and drawers.” She says these pulls tend to be “longer, with cleaner lines” than in the past. She also notes that “silver-toned finishes are popular,” whether they are brushed nickel, stainless steel or hand-forged pewter.

For darker cabinetry, Crupi recommends an oil-rubbed bronze finish that gives “a little less contrast and more of a ‘furniture look’ than a ‘kitchen cabinet look.’”



Long bar pulls in stainless steel on Shaker-style cabinetry offer clean lines that keep this contemporary kitchen clutter-free.