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**Kitchen +
Bath Issue**
MODERN BY DESIGN



THERMADOR

This combo drawer unit features a refrigerator top drawer and freezer bottom drawer and ice maker. Other features include LEDs, SoftClose hinges, and a 24-inch depth.

THERMADOR.COM

CIRCLE #858



BLU BATHWORKS

Measuring 68¾ inches long and 31½ inches wide, the fini-1 freestanding bathtub is designed with curvature at the base that provides subtle definition. The one-piece blu-stone unit has a center drain and a matching cover for a streamlined look.

BLUBATHWORKS.COM

CIRCLE #857



CALIFORNIA FAUCETS

The Ceraline channel drain features a sleek design and a patented adjustment system that ensures flush installation. It comes in three trim styles and six finishes.

CALFAUCETS.COM

CIRCLE #859

WETSTYLE

The Frame Collection takes inspiration from Japanese architecture, creating an elegant and practical line of vanities and mirrored cabinets. Panels can mix and match eight eco-friendly finishes, as well as LED lighting, mirror defoggers, and flush-mounted electrical outlets.

WETSTYLE.CA

CIRCLE #860



VERONA

The manufacturer says this wall oven is the perfect solution when 220V electric is not an option. The 30-inch, 110-volt built-in unit requires 20 amps of service, has electronic controls, eight cooking functions, and a convection fan.

VERONAAPPLIANCES.COM

CIRCLE #861



AGING (IN PLACE) GRACEFULLY

A decade ago, the late architect Michael Graves raised awareness that designers could lead the way in improving accessibility. The movement may have started out slow, but universal design is now a hot topic.

According to the NKBA 2017 Design Trends Report, universal design is on the uptick in kitchens and baths. A quick survey of the market shows a breadth of products and solutions that address limited mobility or ADA compliance, from magnetically attached handheld showers to French-door ovens.

"The extra mindfulness won't cost more, it will just provide a more effective design solution," says Sacramento, Calif.-based interior designer and Certified Aging in Place Specialist Kerrie Kelly. Knee space in a bathroom, she explains, can accommodate wheelchairs but also makeup application; a shower bench can become a leg-shaving shelf; and roll-out shelves in kitchen base cabinets keep everything within reach.

Kelly advises retrofitting some or all kitchen cabinets to include rollout components, varied countertop heights, and two-tier pull-down systems.

"Almost every appliance today comes with countless features for a safer cooking environment without compromising aesthetics," she says. "Our team's top list includes induction cooktops, ovens, and refrigerators that have side-swing doors, and dishwasher and microwave drawers."

In the bathroom, Kelly points to barrier-free showers that result in sleeker, streamlined washrooms; lever faucets that are easy to operate for persons with arthritis; and adjustable showerheads. —S.K.