

HOME AND GARDEN

Custom cabinets the trend in bathrooms

A recent survey of dealer members of the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) revealed various trends in the design of kitchens and baths as well as the products used in the remodeling/new construction of those rooms.

The results indicated that, on a national average, NKBA dealers use custom cabinets 70 per cent of the time in bathroom jobs, and 76 per cent of the time in kitchens. The most popular cabinet material for both kitchens and baths is wood (used 61 per cent of the time in kitchens). Plastic laminate also had a showing in bathroom and

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kitchen cabinetry, used 37 per cent and 16.5 per cent of the time, respectively.

Prevalent

Traditional-style cabinetry is most prevalent in kitchens (72 per cent) followed by Euro-contemporary style (19 per cent).

Choice for bathroom counter materials was split pretty evenly among laminate (used 33 per cent of the time), solid surface materials (used 31 per cent of the time) and cultured marble (used 21 per cent of the time).

Tile and marble also had small showings for use as bathroom counter materials.

In kitchens, laminates were far and away the most popular counter material, indicated by a 62 per cent usage.

Solid

Results indicated that solid surface materials are used 25 per cent of the time, while tile, marble, granite and cultured marble made small showings (5 per cent or less).

Whirlpool tubs are included in 30 per cent of the bathroom jobs being done by NKBA members nationally.

Nearly half (43 per cent) of the bathrooms being designed by NKBA members are designed for use by more than one person at a time.

Trend

This trend directly correlates to the fact that 33 per cent of bathroom jobs include a separate tub and shower and 39 per cent include more than one lavatory (sink).

Specialized areas frequently installed in residential bathrooms include

400 to 250 sq. ft.

The average cost to the customer for a bathroom job is \$9,749.

Island and peninsula counters are incorporated into designs 38 per cent and 32 per cent of the time, respectively. Forty per cent of kitchen jobs done by NKBA members include a separate table and chairs.

Appliances

Kitchens frequently include built-in appliances (79 per cent of the time) and free-standing appliances are used less often (28 per cent of the time). Microwave ovens are included 88 per cent of the time.

Frequently installed kitchen amenities, as indicated by more than 50 per cent of respondents, include lazy susans, appliance garages, pantries, pull-out shelves, tilt-down sink fronts and cutlery dividers.

Cost

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The average cost to the customer for a kitchen job is \$17,803.

Nationally, the two most popular colors for kitchens and bathrooms are white and almond.

Pastels, wood tones and grays also make a small showing in both kitchens and baths.

Wallpaper is the most popular wall covering, used in 61 per cent of bathrooms and 54 per cent of kitchens.

Paint and tile are each used in 17 per cent of bathrooms and paint is the wall covering in 38 per cent of kitchens.

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