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Natural stone is by far the kitchen and bath material with the most staying power. Since no two pieces are alike, slate, marble, granite, travertine and limestone are quintessential design elements. From intense textures to earthy color tones, nothing is more timeless than a material created by nature, and for interior designers, the possibilities are endless. Solid surfaces are a close second, since they are highly resistant to stains and scratches. Caesarstone and Cambria offer products in hundreds of stunning styles that make solid surface an ideal material for countertops.

Grohe, Dornbracht, ROHL and Newport Brass are a few high-end plumbing lines I use in my designs. For hardware, Doug Mockett & Co. lends a unique blend of classic and contemporary style to any space. As far as tile distributors, Ann Sacks and Waterworks are specialty lines that have amazing products. A few of my preferred lighting brands are Terzanni, Hinkley, Ginger, Louis Poulson, Sonneman and Tech Lighting.

Products with Staying Power

BELOW The Vaia Faucet from Dornbracht is ideal for a modern or traditional bathroom with its soft design and open silhouette. You can choose between cross handles or levers, and the faucet is available in platinum matte and polished chrome finishes.



BELOW According to Van Deusen, Kesseböhmer's LeMans II Swing Corner Pull-Out for blind corners has elevated the space once dedicated to the lazy susan to one of the best parts of the kitchen. Gone are the days of crawling on your hands and knees to see what is in the back corner. This is one of the best inventions in the last five years.



Kira Van Deusen

Covenant Kitchens & Baths – Westbrook, Conn.

Products with staying power are classic, timeless and a nod to a trend but do not engulf the whole trend. By sticking to classic elements such as neutral cabinet colors, natural stone and simple lines, the kitchens we designed 15 years ago have retained their charm and freshness today.

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ABOVE Cambria's Brittanica Gold design is part of the Marble Collection, which is offered in a Cambria Matte or high-gloss finish. It is nonporous, scratch and stain resistant and maintenance free.



LEFT Thermador's Entertainer's Dishwasher is ideal for handling a large amount of various kinds of glassware.



ABOVE The designer chose natural marble countertops for this transitional kitchen. *Photo by Rickie Agapito, AOFOTOS*

Krista Agapito

S&W Kitchens – Multiple Florida Locations

Staying power comes from products and materials that are not overdone. Anytime you see too much of the same product used in the same way over and over, we get bored with it and want to do something else. Products and materials that stand the test of time typically evoke some sort of nostalgia, as they have been used for decades or even centuries. Products with a real purpose stand the test of time; they typically stay around longer or come back in a new way as design trends evolve.

Marble countertops have a specific purpose for rolling dough in baking areas. Wood tops have anti-bacterial properties and can be used in a seating area or as a chopping block for food. Wood floors are easier on the joints and body, are warmer to the touch and can give an inviting feeling to a home.



ABOVE Porcelanosa's porcelain tiles are Sheth's all-time favorite, go-to tiles. Kala White is an extra-slim tile inspired by white marble with gray veining and is part of the company's XLight Premium Collection.

Marc Thee

Marc-Michaels Interior Design – Winter Park & Boca Raton, Fla.

Trends are defining, and I feel that today's market is demanding purity and quality first and foremost. Whenever you use Thermador appliances, you feel like you are immersed in quality and beauty. The products are that perfect blend of function and luxury, and they also cross many price points to appeal to a variety of buyers. Cambria has an awesome range of colors and products that look like natural materials with a great selection of solid colors. The company is also so friendly and great to work with.

Komal Sheth

Spaces Designed – Austin

Kitchen or bath products and materials with staying power are those we want to use again and again and that are easy to maintain. Those include mahogany and walnut cabinets and satin nickel and stainless steel finishes. I specify Sub-Zero, Bosch, KitchenAid and Jenn-Air appliances, and I love steam ovens. I use Newport Brass, KOHLER, Blanco and Hansgrohe plumbing fixtures, as well as Blum, Häfele and Top Knobs hardware. For tile, I like Ann Sacks, Porcelanosa, Artistic Tile, Emser Tile and Walker Zanger.