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KITCHEN TRENDS

BIG & OPEN – The true “heart of the home”, now seeing activities so much more than cooking & eating, including socializing, relaxing, reading a book, studying, entertaining – often an extension into the other areas of the home.

BARN DOORS & POCKET DOORS being used to be able to keep the openness flowing, rather than close in the kitchen – also offering easy access to the outdoor kitchen, the grill, the garden

OUTDOOR KITCHENS/LIVING SPACES – often covered with a roof, and including ceiling fans, appliances, pizza ovens, TV’s, and comfortable furniture

MULTIPLE ISLANDS – being used for work areas, eating areas, desk areas, often housing large storage drawers, for pots & pans and large serving dishes, some drawers include file systems, for household bills, etc.

UNDER COUNTER APPLIANCES – microwave drawers, convection steam ovens, wine storage

CONVENIENCE AND LUXURY APPLIANCES – Convection Steam ovens emerging into the market (much better quality results, and healthier than microwave), built-in coffee systems (can be in any room in the house), wine coolers

MORE THAN ONE KITCHEN IN THE HOUSE – ie. the Butler Pantry, being used to get the clutter out of sight, additional ovens, wine storage

Most remodeled kitchens today are considered “Transitional” in design, clean lines, built-in appliances, simple door styles, streamlined hardware, not too much elaborate adornment in the trim & details

Colors that continue to be strong are grays and white, and they don’t seem to be waning. There are many shades of gray, so often they can be blended with other colors and tones throughout the home.

Dark to Medium Blue is an emerging color, as well as black, being seen even in appliances (black stainless).

A mixture of colors is still strong...in finishes and wall colors.

Many of these trends lead right into the “accessibility factor” – people wanting to stay in their homes as they age – open floor plans, under counter appliances, lever door knobs & faucets, better and targeted lighting for specific tasks....