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2025 kitchen & bath trends

Renovating a kitchen or bathroom is an expensive undertaking and homeowners want the end result to last. The simple mission-style cabinet door has been the style of choice for several years and is showing no sign of changing. It's a very versatile design that is easy to live with and works well with almost every decorating style. Current kitchen trends have seen the mission-style door used in new ways with colour. It's not unusual to see a two-tone or three-tone kitchen. Medium to light wood-tone cabinetry is also a popular trend and adds warmth to the space. In kitchens, wood-tone cabinets are often used as a feature and not in the entire kitchen. Plumbing fixtures and lighting are the jewellery of the kitchen and bathroom and continue to reflect a simpler style. Mixing metal finishes was once a no-no but now is not an uncommon style choice. As long as you have one main metal finish and stick to perhaps one other finish in a different colour family. Open shelving as a decorative feature is a great way to display items but is not a practical replacement for upper cabinets. The functionality of the kitchen and bathroom is a very important consideration. Whether the space is small or large, smart planning can utilize the entire space with innovative technologies and clever storage solutions. When planning your kitchen or bathroom renovation, come talk to a TIMBER MART Project Expert. We carry the latest in style and technology and have the expert advice to help you choose the right products and fixtures for your budget.



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A new kitchen starts with quality cabinets

Kitchen cabinets are the biggest feature in a kitchen and are often the most expensive element. They should maximize storage, be solidly built to last and look beautiful. TIMBER MART partners with the best cabinet suppliers across Canada who build quality products and pay close attention to details. Come in and talk to one of our TIMBER MART Kitchen Specialists about kitchen cabinet solutions that best fit your renovation needs and budget.

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Get a handle on style



Tackle any size project

Looking to put the last touch on a renovation project? Do you need to update cabinets with the latest trends and styles? Is a piece of furniture in need of jazzing up? Decorative hardware can certainly help by making an ordinary space, extraordinary.

Richelieu has a grand collection of knobs and pulls available in new trendy finishes and styles. Choices such as matte black, bronze, orion grey and brushed gold will be a perfect pairing with your cabinetry. These assortments will add a touch of fun as well as style to any living space.

If the goal is to be more experimental while staying in line with new trends, Richelieu's items with contrasting finishes and textured materials will work exceptionally well. A unique and cutting-edge look will be achieved.

To find out more, contact your TIMBER MART dealer.



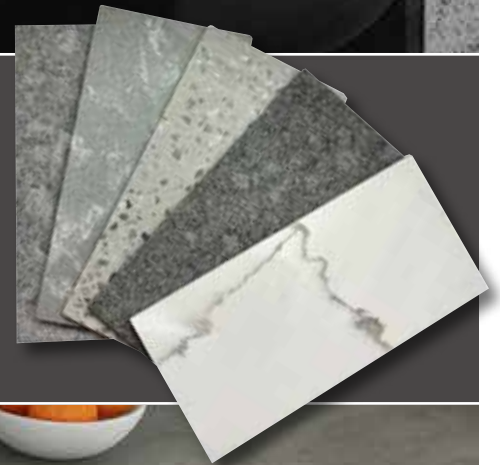
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Bélanger laminate countertops

Bélanger laminate counters are engineered to realistically imitate the look of materials inspired by contemporary textures and trendy colours. They are an economical and versatile solution available a wide variety of natural patterns plus 5 distinctive profiles. These quality laminates are a solid, sustainable choice that can be easily integrated into contemporary, traditional or country decor. Visit your local TIMBER MART for selection.



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Build a coffee station

A designated coffee area in your home is a coffee drinker's dream. It allows you to play barista for your family and friends and is a convenient way to keep all your coffee related paraphernalia in one place. A home coffee station can be as simple as a countertop drip coffee maker with a few handy mugs or as sophisticated as a built-in high-end specialty coffee maker with a dedicated water filtration system. There are a few things required for any coffee station and these include a power source, a nearby water source and storage. Decide how you want your coffee station to function. The most popular set up is the coffee maker sitting on a countertop with closed cabinets for storage below and open shelving utilizing vertical space above for mugs, glasses and canisters. If you are not fond of looking at a coffee maker, consider concealing it in an appliance garage or building the whole station inside a walk-in pantry. The most common place for a coffee station is the kitchen but also consider other areas of your home like the dining room, master bedroom or an unused corner of your living room. If you build in an area that's far from the kitchen, you might want to include a mini-fridge for cold storage in your design. Light up your station with under-cabinet lighting on shelving or with task lighting directly above. Building a coffee station is a great way to make use of an awkward space in your home. It is also an opportunity to make it a visual feature reflecting your personal style.



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Types of kitchen lighting

Today's kitchens have become gathering and entertaining places but they are first and foremost where food is prepared. A well-lit kitchen has layers of lighting to make the space warm and inviting as well as a functional place to cook. When making a kitchen lighting plan, consider the three types of lighting: ambient, task and accent.

Ambient Also called general lighting, this is the light that fills a room and usually from the ceiling. The most popular ambient light source for kitchens is recessed lighting because of its unobtrusive look. An upcoming trend is small flush or semi-flush light fixtures in a simple style and strategically placed throughout the kitchen. It should be noted that ambient lighting from above creates shadows on the work surfaces below.

Task These lights are for lighting specific work areas in the kitchen and may be the most important for those preparing food. Task lighting includes lighting over an island or peninsula, under cabinet lighting and a light source over the stove and sink. Because the kitchen is a functional space, this type of lighting is key. Task lighting in the form of pendant lighting or chandeliers gives you an opportunity to add style to the kitchen.

Accent Out of the three types of lighting, this type of lighting is the least used in the kitchen. Accent lighting is meant to draw attention to the light fixture itself and not to perform a function. This could be in the form of wall sconces or fixtures that light up artwork.



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Refresh your home with Rust-Oleum's Home Transformations. The range of innovative products includes a Cabinet Coating Kit, a Countertop Coating Kit, and an Interior Floor Coating Kit, offering a convenient and affordable solution to upgrade your living spaces, without the need for messy demolitions or costly replacements. With easy application, exceptional durability, and no stripping, sanding, or priming required, you can achieve a beautiful, lasting transformation for your home. Say hello to a refreshed space that's both stylish and budget-friendly, backed by Rust-Oleum's proven research and quality assurance.



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How to..

install a kitchen faucet

Replacing a kitchen faucet is a small DIY project that has big impact. Start by looking underneath the sink to find out how many holes in the sink your existing faucet has. This determines the type of kitchen faucet to purchase. You can install a single handle faucet in a three or four hole sink by adding a deck plate but not vice-versa. The same rule applies if you are installing your new faucet into the countertop. Be sure to read the faucet manufacturer's installation guide before you start.

Prep for installation Clear everything out of the cabinet below the sink. Have a towel and shallow bucket on hand for any dripping water. Also, use a flashlight so you can see what you are doing.

Shut off water Turn the water off at the supply valves under the sink. If you don't have supply valves, shut off the water to the whole house. Before you go further, take a picture of the existing connections in case you need it for future reference. Next, open up the existing faucet to relieve pressure on the lines, then disconnect the supply lines. This is when the bucket and towel may come in handy.

Remove old faucet This is the tricky part of the process. The old faucet is bolted to the sink or countertop at the back of the cabinet. It's a tight space and removing the connections is difficult. The best tool for the job is a basin wrench and if you don't have one you may want to purchase one. It is designed to grip in hard-to-reach areas and will save you a lot of aggravation. Have someone hold the old faucet in place from above while you remove the nuts holding the faucet below. Once the old faucet is gone, clean up the area.

Install new faucet Manufacturer's will provide step-by-step installation instructions. Note that each manufacturer will have a slightly different set up. Basically, if you are using a deck plate, set it up first. If not, go to the next step and feed the new faucet's supply lines through the hole(s). Attach the new faucet to the sink or countertop at the back with included washers and nuts. Next, if your new faucet has a pull-down faucet feature, attach the quick-connect hose to the supply pipe and attach the weight. When done, connect each water supply line to the corresponding water supply valve. Turn the water on and check for leaks. If you detect any drips, tighten the connections (but don't over tighten). When lines are good to go, remove the aerator from the faucet and let the lines run for a couple minutes to remove any accumulated debris. Turn the faucet off and replace the aerator.

If you have questions about how to install a kitchen faucet, talk to a TIMBER MART Plumbing expert.



Make a splash with colour



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Kitchens and bathrooms are two of the hardest working rooms in your home and a great way to give them a bold new look is with a fresh coat of paint. The recommended paint to use is kitchen and bath paint which is engineered to protect surfaces regularly exposed to high humidity and condensation. The 100% acrylic formulation contains a preservative that blocks the growth of mildew and has superior washing and scrubbing properties allowing easy removal of grime without the paint rubbing off or discolouring. Kitchens and bathrooms can be painted the same way as any other room except more attention should be made to ensure the wall surface is clean. Kitchen walls, in particular, will need to be de-greased with TSP (tri-sodium phosphate) prior to painting, even if they look clean.

For helpful kitchen and bathroom painting tips, click the links below for advice from the paint experts at PPG.



[How to paint a bathroom](#)



[Kitchen ideas](#)



[How to give your kitchen a modern look](#)



Plumbing fixtures: what's new?

Types of shower heads

Plumbing fixture styles for 2025 continue to be sleek and contemporary and in an assortment of finishes. The elegant look of matte black finish remains a popular choice among homeowners and makes a bold statement against both light and dark countertops. Emerging finish trends include matte white and matte grey for a softer alternative. Innovations in technology and sustainability are becoming important features homeowners want in plumbing fixtures. Smart faucets can include touchless operation, temperature indicators and even voice control. There are kitchen faucets that include a push-button water filtration system through two separate water channels, one for cold filtered water, the other for hot and cold tap water. Water efficiency to reduce water consumption has improved over the last few years. Some eco-friendly shower heads use up to 30 percent less water while kitchen and vanity faucets can use up to 45 percent less water, and both without sacrificing performance. Moen has developed Smart Water Network products that allow you to conserve water from the palm of your hand by tracking your water usage and setting conservation goals through the Moen Smart Water App.



Replacing a drippy shower head is a simple DIY weekend project that will improve your shower experience. The style and finish should match the other plumbing fixtures in your bathroom but you will have to decide how you want your shower head to function. There are 2 categories of shower heads, fixed and hand-held. These can be installed individually or as part of a shower system which usually includes fixed and hand-held shower heads, body sprays and volume controls. There are pre-packaged shower systems or you can customize your own. There are shower heads specifically designed for low water pressure, reducing your water bill and the amount of hot water used with each shower. There are also many shower head functions to choose from including a powerful spray, gentle rainshower or pulsating massage.

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What to do with a large bathroom



Traditionally, bathrooms have been small spaces and homeowners have had to get creative to maximize every centimeter. Today, people want large spa-like bathrooms they can spend time in. The trouble is, a bathroom is a functional space and you run the risk of having a cavernous room with not much in it except a lot of exposed floor. So how do you use up all that space? A large shower with a substantial freestanding tub is a good place to start. Be careful not to make the shower too big or it won't warm up during the shower and you'll be shivering the minute you step out of the water. Consider a water closet for the toilet which involves building a separate room within the bathroom just for the toilet. Design your bathroom with two large vanities, each with one sink, instead of one double vanity. Adding storage to your bathroom is a practical solution and often cabinet makers offer additional cabinetry that match the style of the vanity. You can also opt for a built-in linen cabinet with glass doors for displaying stacks of towels and pretty objects. A closet built within the bathroom or a favourite free-standing armoire is a great place to store bath products and cleaning supplies. You can also create a separate makeup vanity with room for a bench. Make the most of your large bathroom space by making sure the scale of the fixtures fit the size of the space and use colour and decor to make it warm and inviting.

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Finishing head screws for one-step cabinet installation

PWR CAB screws are specially designed for use in cabinet construction and installation. The #8 gauge 1-3/16" PWR CAB is designed for "cabinet to cabinet" installation, as the threads are designed for fastening 2 pieces of 5/8" melamine, while both #10-gauge PWR CAB are code-compliant for fastening the cabinets to the wall. The unique no-pre-drilling "drill tip" of the PWR CAB prevents splitting and will allow this screw to work with both wood and metal studs. The super-wide head design with aggressive nibs provides both the necessary thrust and the best finish possible. The PWR CAB can offer a flush, semi-countersunk, or completely countersunk finish and is supplied in colours to match most melamine used in modern cabinet interiors. The PWR CAB is also fully compatible with the 9/16" adhesives caps for the most demanding jobs.



The ideal multi-purpose wood panel board finishing screw

PWR FIB screws are specially designed for use with all kinds of panels including plywood, melamine, MDF, masonite and provides a professional quick finish. The #8 gauge 1-3/16" PWR FIB is designed for fastening 2 pieces of 5/8" thick material and can also be the screw of choice for thinner material like masonite. The #10-gauge PWR FIB are geared towards providing a better alternative to the pan washer screw, widely used when working with panels. The PWR FIB has a type 17 tip to prevent splitting and pre-drilling, while its oval head provides the same thrust as a pan washer screw. The sticky T-15 star drive, prevents come-outs, is the most comfortable drive available and offers a lot more discrete finish than a the typical square #2 drive. Strength, ease of use, good looks and colour-matched to most panels makes the PWR FIB the ideal choice for the wood worker.



All the advantages of a Pan washer: quick, same strength but with a much higher level of finish.

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Build it right

Keep your home safe and dry

Kitchens and bathrooms are areas of high moisture in your home and choosing the correct type of drywall is key for lasting protection from water intrusion. CertainTeed's M2Tech Moisture and Mould Resistant Drywall is engineered to prevent mould growth and ideal for high-humidity areas. For high-moisture tiled surfaces, use a tile backer board like CertainTeed GlasRoc Tile Backer.

M2Tech Drywall CertainTeed M2Tech Moisture and Mould-Resistant Drywall is engineered to provide exceptional resistance against mould and moisture, this cutting-edge drywall solution is perfect for high-humidity environments such as bathrooms and kitchens. For interior wall and ceiling applications.

GlasRoc Tile Backer CertainTeed's GlasRoc Tile Backer is a durable solution for moisture-resistant tile installations. Its fibreglass mat embedded in a gypsum core provides superior stability and mould resistance while its lightweight construction makes it easy to install.



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Build the dream

TIMBER MART home plan: TBM1603 Modern light-filled bungalow living

Enjoy one floor living in this contemporary 3 bedroom, 1603 sq. ft. home. The main floor includes a spacious entrance foyer, formal dining room with bay window, kitchen with serving peninsula, separate breakfast nook, 14'6" x 14'10" great room, large master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in closet, laundry room, second full bathroom between two additional bedrooms. The 19'2" x 20'8" two-vehicle garage includes interior and exterior access doors.

Special features: Pillared front porch, popular gabled roof style, well-defined rooms, and spacious walk-in closet in master suite.



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