



## Top Kitchen Trends for 2018

**M**OST FAMILIES CONGREGATE in the kitchen, so it is often one of the first places homeowners consider when trying to improve the comfort and utility in their home. With that in mind, the latest trends for 2018 may help you improve the aesthetic and functionality of your own home. This year, you can expect to see more color, contemporary design, and convenience trending among homeowners in Barrington and the greater Chicago area.

### COLOR AND CONTEMPORARY DESIGN

Blues, blacks, and colorful hues are coming back in both accents and as the primary color in your kitchens. Don't be afraid to look at dark paint colors for your cabinetry, such as a dark plum or forest green. These colors give your kitchen a sense of warmth and contrast making it feel more inviting.

Simplistic, minimalist design was big in 2017 and will remain popular as the millennial preference continues to be a major influencer in the industry. Traditionally heavy designs are being replaced with

simple, clean lines and refreshing finishes.

In addition to the resurgence of minimalist design, brass came back last year, and it is totally here to stay. We will continue to see it everywhere, from plumbing fixtures to the hardware throughout your home. Straight lined, clean cabinet hardware in these gold and brassy tones will continue to be one of the most popular finishing touches for your home.

Tile trends are staying right in line with the minimalist design preference. Large tiles have become much more favorable to mosaics, which were widely popular the last few years. Designers are selecting warm greys and cool ivory tones to accompany the trending palette of black and blue colors.

### COOKING UP CONVENIENCE

But the most red-hot trend of the new year is convenience. Whether it comes to saving time or money, the convenience factor will be the ultimate decision maker for homeowners and designers.

Just look at the number one countertop preference that's on the market right now: quartz. Quartz

countertops are set to outpace granite materials in 2018 because of its durability, timeless look, and no-fuss upkeep. It also comes in a wide variety of styles and colors, contributing to its popular appeal.

Efficiency features like touch-to-open doors and drawers are another trending convenience to look forward to in the new year. This relatively new option offers true handle-less opening. Not only are homeowners able to save money on decorative hardware, they can now enjoy full functionality of the minimalistic look in a comfortable and efficient working environment.

Remodeling your kitchen with the latest trends and features is a great way to improve the comfort and convenience of your home. Studio41's team of talented designers are available and passionate about making your dream kitchen a reality.

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