Product Trend Report

16 | In keeping with the trend toward clean, geometric shapes with symmetry and gridlike lines, Doug Mockcutt & Co. offers its DF decorative hardware series. Pairing glass with cool metals, the line includes knobs and pulls.
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17 | Smith Woodworks & Design stocks knobs, pulls and refrigerator pulls in iron and brass. These pieces are imported from France and feature traditional French design and an antique patina. Finishes include Rustic Patina, Natural Brass, Pewter and Hammered & Blackened.
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18 | The Wing hardware mechanism from Ferrati America delivers smooth vertical opening and a dampened closing. The program includes two types of lift function: Vertical, which lifts the door parallel to the cabinet face, and Angled, which lifts the door over the cabinet.
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19 | The Luna Collection of decorative hardware from Century Hardware is sculpted with contoured lines. The collection is available in four finishes: Antique Pewter Hand-Polished, Regent Copper, Regent English and Regent Bronze Copper.
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20 | Mopthic by Martin Pierce Hardware is the latest addition to its line of kitchen cabinet pulls. Cast in stainless steel, the series includes appliance pulls as well as entry way and interior door handles.
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21 | The architectural design firm Cutler Anderson Architects Designs has partnered with Revet Designs to create a luxury line of hardware that reflects sleek, modern style. The Puguet Pull can be installed vertically or horizontally, and is available in stainless steel or oil-rubbed bronze.
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22 | Blum introduces Terra Black for the Tandembox interim drawer system. The rich black with a hint of brown provides the option of inserting other materials onto the drawer side. The intuitive provides full-extension drawers with Blumotion quiet close.
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23 | The Kensington Suite from the King's Road Collection by Notting Hill Decorative Hardware includes period motifs on knobs, pulls, bin pulls and back plates. Finishes include 24K Gold, Dark Brass and Antique Pewter.
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24 | RK International presents two complete sets of cabinet hardware and appliance handles in three finishes — Antique English, Pewter and Oil Rubbed Bronze. The two appliance pull handles are available in both 12” and 16” sizes. Shown is the cylinder design.
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25 | The Magic Shimm from P+R Innovations is a cabinet foot leveler that provides a solution to flooring issues. It can provide up to 3” of adjustment, easing cabinet installation.
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Hardware and highlight the design details," he notes.
Mixed media offerings are also becoming hugely popular, as people are continuing to search for something unique and authentic, notes Parrish. "The hottest mixed materials we are seeing feature a blend of glass and metal, across multiple tonal combinations," she reports.
"Leather and all things natural, such as bamboo and glass, are hotter than ever," notes Minnie Morea, president of Atlas Home Furnishings in Los Angeles, CA - so much so that the company is expanding that category with more color choices. "You want to take notice of faux animal skin leathers, too, such as crocodile and snake," she adds.
"Overall, we’ll continue to see a rise in the popularity of soft and warm finishes that allow for blending with other finishes, interest in mixed media and unique combinations of hardware, and the need for multiple sizes," states Parrish.

The incorporation of appliance pulls and oversized hardware that matches cabinet hardware designs is a growing trend that will continue to gain momentum in the future, industry insiders believe.

Parrish notes that, today, a wide variety of size options is crucial. "Enlarged cabinet styles call for multiple size options of pulls, handles and knobs to accommodate the functionality of opening and exiting storage spaces and integrated appliances," she adds.

ON THE QUIET SIDE
According to Claudia Tuttle, marketing manager for Aucore International in Santa Fe Springs, CA, since kitchens and baths are areas of the home that are used on a daily basis, "there is a growing expectation for functional hardware that enhances, assists or saves time. Drawer slides with an easy-close feature have virtually become a standard in kitchens and baths," she comments.

Blum Inc's Blumotion quiet closing continues to grow in the marketplace, according to Dennis Potel, marketing communications manager for Blum, Inc. in Stanley, NC.
"While it was once an upgrade for most cabinet lines and dealers, now it's firmly entrenched as a standard feature of mid- to high-end kitchens," comments Potel.
There is a growing trend toward simpler, knob-less cabinetry in the kitchen, along with varying degrees of automated opening and closing, "ranging from touch latch systems to electronically operated drawer systems," reports Tuttle. Some of the more recent options are slides with assisting mechanisms and electronic components.
Blum's Servo-Drive touch-to-open feature for Tandem and Tandembox drawer systems is making its mark in the kitchen, especially in a waste bin application, when the user's hands are dirty or wet.
Tuttle notes that, "Despite the 'new' factor of some of the products [out there today], affordability and complex installation requirements have curtailed their widespread use." She sees simpler, more economical options attracting attention, such as Aucore's Action-Assist and Touch Release slides, geared more toward the middle-of-the-road affordability and ease of installation.

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