

And for those who want their island to be something more than just another row of base cabinets, a functional yet beautiful combination of posts, corbels, a wine rack, and bookcase and some critically placed storage efficiency might just be what you're looking for.

Hardware; remember when it was code for knobs and pulls? Today, hardware is a world unto itself. Trash can roll-outs, a peg system that allows for the storage of plates in a drawer, pull-out spice racks, and soft-close hinges and drawer guides are just the tip of iceberg when it comes to appointing your kitchen with the function that your busy lifestyle demands.

The center piece of many kitchens, that piece that immediately draws your attention when you walk into the room, has become the decorative vent cabinet. With gourmet, restaurant quality appliances becoming more commonplace, many builders are including them as part of their new home program. Today's vent cabinets are architecturally matched to the home and the décor of the cabinetry. The vent cabinet can be beautiful, yet unpretentious, or it can make a bold statement with a massive countertop to ceiling presence. Pull-out spice racks can be added to many vent cabinets allowing function that disappears when not in use.

Molding has evolved to a near infinite number of choices. Crown molding can be as simple as an understated piece of lumber running across the top of a sleek, contemporary kitchen, to a multi-stage built-up crown that puts the finishing touch to a traditional one. Moldings have been designed and applied to the bottoms of the upper cabinets to add decoration and help conceal the under cabinet lighting. Decorative corners and raised end panels can be applied to the ends of the cabinets that are not captured by walls. There are a number of radius and chamfer corner selections that accentuate not only the decorative panels, but the overall look and flow of the kitchen.

Whether you're building a new home or remodeling your existing one, when it comes to cabinets, the design opportunities are almost without limit. It's all about creating your dream kitchen. And when it comes right down to it, the heart of your home is still the kitchen. It's always been that way and probably always will be.



# Cabinet trends

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The only constant in life is change. The same is true for the cabinet industry. Style is fluid; constantly changing, evolving at a pace equal to the speed of our lives. Whether an in-town loft or a relaxed suburban retreat, our home is an extension of ourselves, and the cabinets in it are an extension of our lifestyle. As a cabinet manufacturer, we must constantly find new ways to marry product diversity with the cutting edge design elements that today's market demands.

Building a new home today is quite different than it was in years gone by. From the standpoint of design, the line between cabinets and furniture has become blurred. Many pieces, once relegated to a furniture store, can now be designed and built along with the rest of

your cabinets by your cabinet manufacturer. Kent Moore Cabinets is one such manufacturer with the design flexibility and manufacturing techniques to create those specialty pieces that complete the perfect living environment.

One of the components that once differentiated furniture from cabinets is finish. The days of selecting from *the five available stain colors* are in the distant past. Today's cutting edge cabinet manufacturer offers an array of at least a dozen stain colors, each available with four or five shades of glazing or inking, and that's just the beginning. Painted finishes with Inking and Antiquing accents have moved at lightning speed to popularity. The question is no longer, "what color is your kitchen," it's, "what colors are you using in your kitchen." A painted island, its color a compliment to the stained finish on the base and upper cabinets in the remainder of the kitchen, is a great way to give your kitchen some panache. Corbels and posts in complimenting colors also provide distinction, and a way to personalize your kitchen.