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THE WELL-DESIGNED KITCHEN AND BATH

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Interior designer Anita Jacobi raises critical questions for homeowners when endeavoring on a kitchen redesign journey—as it is, arguably, the most important room in the house. “Do they like to eat; do they like cooking?” she begins. “Kids? If so, do they cook for their kids? Stay-at-home mom or do they both work? Will it be for sale soon? Is the current kitchen in a good location within the home? Avoid isolation,” she asserts. “Is there outdoor access? Is the vibe going to be sexy or fun?” Addressing these questions—and many more—helps designers like Jacobi create personalized spaces that function at a high level. While utility and versatility are usually the end goals of kitchen and bath remodels, who says they can’t have an elegant, inviting aesthetic simultaneously? “You can achieve a chic kitchen and bath and still have easy care and function,” Jacobi says. “Kitchens and baths are typically the most used areas and expensive part of our homes, and if you have children, it takes extra measures to keep things orderly and maintain the design as it was meant to be.” Jacobi, who is the principal designer at **Orange Coast Interior Design** in Aliso Viejo, has an impressive portfolio of Southern California residences and emphasizes the importance of design continuity in each project. “It is extremely important to have a cohesive style throughout the kitchen, bath and entire home. I am a firm believer that cohesive design makes happier people and more relaxed environments,” she says. “To me, being deliberate, yet making everything cohesive, is the art of beautiful design.”



“Styles remain classic, clean and traditional this year.”



1. Texture and tone combine in a modern kitchen with classic lines.
2. Clean and sleek, this master bathroom is a luxurious contemporary retreat.
3. Detailed, bespoke woodwork brings elegance to this traditionally inspired family kitchen.



ORANGE COAST INTERIOR DESIGN ON WHAT'S NOW, NEW AND NEXT IN KITCHENS + BATHS

Subtle palettes. Gray color schemes in both kitchen and baths are still going strong. **Mixed materials.** Using natural elements like iron, wood and stone in the kitchen can add texture and sophistication without the clutter. **Family friendly.** Quartz countertops for the kitchen are highly durable and contemporary in design. Oversized islands are ideal for children’s mealtimes. **Spatially smart bathrooms.** Bathrooms should function with multiple users in mind. All features should be user friendly, and wall-mounted toilets can help save space. **Cleanliness considered.** Quartz bathroom counters are one of the most sanitary, easily washable materials. Avoid shower curtains or any material that will create mold or collect dust.

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