

HEAVY METAL

With metallic accents proving to be a consumer favourite, it's never been easier to include a touch of luxe in kitchen designs

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GOLD DOORS

Pronorm
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Pronorm recently launched two premium metallic door finishes – Titan and Gold, pictured – designed to inject luxury into the kitchen. The metallic lacquer doors come in a matt anti-fingerprint finish and are available across the Y-Line and X-Line handleless, Pro-Line and Classic-Line ranges

Head to any showroom – either on the local high street or along London's Wigmore Street – and for every sink, tap and handle range, there will be variations available in one metallic hue or another. Ranging from the cool tones of gunmetal and pewter, to warm copper, gold and brass, there's certainly a metallic to suit every style of kitchen.

Halcyon Interiors showroom and design manager Graham Robinson has noticed the rise in consumer demand for metallics, with brass and gold especially leading the trend across all aspects of the kitchen. He says: "Over the last few years we have seen an increase in the interest of metallic details, and we have used these colours as accents – on handles, taps and glass wall cladding. It's a great way to add warmth to a kitchen scheme which is often dominated by silver metallic tones in appliances."

Perrin & Rowe sales director David Cole agrees, noting one particular shade that is coming out on top. "Metallic accents have been popular in the kitchen for a while now, with special finishes all having their moment in the spotlight," he says. "We have seen gold finishes growing in popularity within the last year, with more customers wanting to create a luxe, polished look. Gold is usually associated with traditional styles, however it is now widely recognised as a finish that works beautifully for contemporary styled interiors too." So whether your customer's kitchen is sleek and modern, or more of an ode to period aesthetic, gold kitchen accessories will work well across both.

Cole goes on to say that "matching smaller elements within a space is a great way to get the metallic look without it feeling overdone". He adds: "Our furniture handles offer a selection of designs available in our high-shine gold finish – ensuring it's possible to match the tap to the handles for a cohesive and premium look."

Trends come and go – but will metallics fall foul to being a short-lived fad, or will they have a long lifespan with consumers and retailers alike? Smeg UK's product manager Lucy King leans towards the latter, and has similarly noticed a rise in consumer demand for metallics, adding that "a surge in popularity for brass accents, metallic shades and industrial finishes will continue to increase next year".

King adds that Smeg wishes to continue this into next year – and that metallic shades aren't just restricted to a certain kitchen design or style. "We are excited to be unveiling a range of brass taps and sinks, perfect for adding an extra design element to a kitchen design – these metallic accents and features work well in a traditional style and contemporary home."

Product designer for Pronorm, Gerd Meier, explains how a matt finish helps keep metallic shades in the kitchen looking high-end yet tactful. "The trend for metallic finishes continues strongly, and when it comes to door fronts we see them as accent elements, like a piece of jewellery that complements an outfit," says Meier. "A matt finish is essential because the aesthetic is then more elegant, and it also means that the door plays with the light in a discreet way. We have seen copper, gunmetal, nickel, brass and aluminium, and now it's gold's turn to add in a layer of style and interest." ■

PURQUARTZ COURBE

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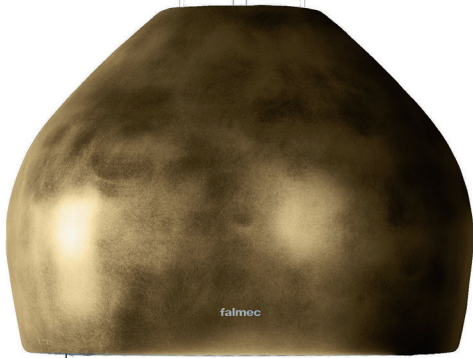
The quartz textured finish Purquartz Courbe kitchen tap with metallic accents is the perfect solution when subtlety is key. Available in six Purquartz colours including Metallic Black, Metallic Grey, Champagne, Mocha and Concrete, it is pictured here in Metallic Black with Copper accents



SOPHIE

Falmec
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Sophie, one of the six innovative extraction designs from Falmec's Circle Tech collection, features a striking circular design and can be used as an ambient lighting feature in addition to an island recirculating hood with an extraction rate of 600m³/h. Circle Tech technology also allows the air to be expelled evenly and reduces noise – it has a noise-level rating between 48dB to 67dB. Shown here in Worn Brass, it is also available in Pewter and Worn Copper



NEW DECO KITCHEN CABINETS

Martin Moore

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Marble meets metallic in this freestanding kitchen design featuring cabinetry clad in bookmatched marble porcelain and edged with brass strips. Accompanied with linear brass handles to accentuate the metallic gleam in this kitchen, these can be used to give classic furniture a contemporary and luxurious update

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Gerd Meier, product designer, Pronorm

CONTOUR HANDLE

Perrin & Rowe

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For those who appreciate finer details, subtle metallic cupboard handles can be added to the kitchen. Shown here in Contour, it is available in two sizes – 45mm and 36mm – and comes in all eight of Perrin & Rowe's brassware finishes, including gold, bronze, pewter, nickel and chrome, allowing you to create a cohesive and premium kitchen design



ESSENCE TAPS

Grohe

Tel: 0871 200 3413. www.grohe.co.uk

Grohe Essence tap range for the kitchen comes in 10 finishes and two designs – a half-inch L spout mixer and an L-spout pull-out spray model. The L spout is available in 10 different shades, including SuperSteel, Cool Sunrise, Hard Graphite, Brushed Hard Graphite, Polished Nickel, Brushed Nickel and Warm Sunset, pictured here



ALBA

Smeg

Tel: 0844 557 0070. www.smeguk.com

Smeg's PVD-coated Alba sinks help bring a luxurious feel to the wet area. The sinks, available in either copper or brass, pictured, are available as an inset model with accompanying draining board, or as an undermount single bowl. Extremely hardwearing, PVD improves the performance of stainless steel by increasing wear, scratch and corrosion resistance – creating superior durability when compared to conventional coating methods such as powder-coating



HENDON HANDSPRAY

Abode

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Abode's Hendon Handspray is a practical pull-out rinse unit with a 1.2-metre long hose. It complements many of the company's kitchen mixer taps, such as the Langley Bridge mixer tap, and is shown here in Century Copper, and is also available in Forged Brass, Pewter and Chrome



ZAL48 ZALTO ISLAND HOOD

Caple

Tel: 0117 938 1900. www.caple.co.uk

Caple's statement ZAL48 Zalto island extractor hood will surely take centre stage in any contemporary open- or broken-plan kitchen. It is available in black, silver, and copper, shown here, and it's remote-control operated, with recirculating with a high performance 550m³/h extraction rate and maximum noise-level rating of 63dB

ALUMINA

Crown Imperial

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Ideal for an ultra-contemporary kitchen, these Alumina copper doors are presented in a stunning island centrepiece and are paired with Zeluso black wall units, creating a dramatic effect. Designed to make a style statement, Alumina boasts matching panelling, copper style handles and sleek black plinths to complete the designer look. Perfect for modern lifestyles, Zeluso also maximises every square centimetre of space with a choice of full-height units and drawers for easy ergonomic access. Alumina is available in copper, bronze and silver, and Zeluso is available in 11 colours and four wood styles

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FRESNO SINK

Franke

Tel: 0161 436 6280. www.franke.co.uk

Franke's new Super Metallic Fresno Fraganite range offers a high level of visual and tactile appeal that is highly sought after by today's consumers. A contemporary design featuring sleek lines and tightly radiused corners, it's available in four colours – Copper Gold, Copper Grey, Lunar Grey and Sterling Silver – all of which have been enriched with pearlescent particles to give a subtle sparkly lustre. Fresno measures 860 x 458mm, fits a 900mm cabinet and is fully reversible for added flexibility. The undermount model can be combined with a wide range of work surface materials such as natural stone, quartz or solid surface



FORM COLLECTION

LochAnna Kitchens

Tel: 01204 328 720.

www.lochannakitchens.co.uk

Embrace simplicity in the kitchen with LochAnna's Form collection. With 78 door choices across the range, there are four handleless rail colour options available, offering bold statements and classic finishes, including Inox Champagne, Anthracite, Aluminium and Copper, pictured



INDIVIDUAL DESIGN KIT

Küppersbusch

Tel: 01922 698 000. www.kuppersbusch.com

Küppersbusch offer retailers a variety of handle choices, allowing consumers to personalise their appliances. There are seven finishes in its Individual range, including stainless steel, Black Copper, and Gold, pictured with matching trims to go along the top and bottom of the oven. The Individual design kits and handles give consumers the option to set the tone for the kitchen and create a seamless feel with stunning metallic accents

HERITAGE OVEN

Bertazzoni

Tel: 01244 987 366. uk.bertazzoni.com

Bertazzoni's F609HEREKTNE built-in oven comes in matt black, ivory with chrome finish and ivory with copper finish, pictured. Perfectly co-ordinated to match the Heritage series, it has nine oven functions, easy-to-clean enamel, a soft-opening double-glazed door and an A energy-efficiency rating



COMO COLLECTION

Störmer

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Störmer's Como kitchen collection boasts a high-gloss lacquer finish, shown here in Snow White with new gold coloured matt-velvet lacquered profile handles. The aluminium profile handles are also available in copper, matt black and brushed stainless steel to complement the chosen kitchen scheme.

The profile handles are also available across other Störmer kitchen collections

HÄCKER GOLD LACQUER KITCHEN DOOR

LWK Kitchens London

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This lacquer door from Häcker has a richly textured metallic gold finish, and is available for wall units, tall units and base units, in standard sizes as well as bespoke. Also on offer in Bronze and Titanium, this luxury metallic range is said by LWK to be durable and easy to maintain as it won't show up prints. Eye-catching contrasts can be created with other colours, and this door can also be incorporated as a metallic splashback



WARENDORF CLUB K

Halycon Interiors

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This Halycon Interiors kitchen design features Warendorf's Club K copper-effect lacquer on the top drawers, and aluminium dark copper on the bottom drawers. The warmth of the smoked oak used in this kitchen is accentuated by the illuminated shelves on the read panel and beside the run of the kitchen units

ACRI

Reginox

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Reginox's angular U-shaped Acri tap has a distinctly contemporary look and measures 370mm high.

Available in three eye-catching metallic hues – Gun Metal, Copper and Gold – Acri co-ordinates perfectly with Reginox's Miami range of PVD-coated sinks, and will look equally as stunning when paired with a flecked granite work surface

