

Trends: Not Your Everyday Kitchen Sink

Soapstone, copper, concrete. Give your kitchen a distinctive look and feel with a less-common sink material



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These days you can't flip through one page of Houzz kitchen photos without hitting a farmhouse-style kitchen outfitted with a Shaws Original fireclay sink, or a contemporary or transitional kitchen with a sleek stainless basin. While these choices are both great, there are other options out there, and they are [predicted to trend in 2018](#). If you're looking for something different, take a closer look at some noteworthy lesser-known materials and see if they are for you.



NativeStone

NativeStone is a relatively new product that blends concrete with raw natural materials including renewable jute fiber. The jute lightens the weight of the sink while increasing its strength — these sinks weigh about 40 percent less than solid concrete sinks. (But as with concrete, make sure your contractor knows the weight of the sink for installation, as they are still heavier than a lot of other options.)

These sinks are sealed in a way that makes them resistant to scratches, stains and cracks, though the manufacturer recommends letting extremely hot pots and pans cool before placing them directly into a NativeStone sink.

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