



PERSONALITY PLUS!

Add some spunk to your all-white kitchen

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WHITE kitchens are a big trend at the moment. But if you're afraid the white-on-white will go from fresh and new to bland and boring, the team at Kitchen and Bath Classics has some fun ways to add personality to your kitchen.

For starters, who said faucets and fixtures have to be chrome? While stainless steel faucets are definitely the most common, there are lots of finishes to choose from, including brass, which is making a big, bold comeback, according to Tess Duke, showroom consultant at Kitchen and Bath Classics.

The brass finish comes in polished or a soft brushed look. There's also an antique brass that's a little darker. And while you might be

trying to get away from white, a brass fixture with polished white accents looks a bit traditional with a modern twist.

There are other metals to choose from with copper becoming more popular.

"What we're also doing a lot of right now is black, like black faucets with white (kitchens)," noted Duke. "And another big thing right now is black and gold or brass. That's really in style right now."

But if you really want to up the personality in your kitchen how about a faucet in red? Or purple? Or turquoise?

Thanks to a Canadian company called Rubinet (pronounced rub-i-nay), Kitchen and Bath Classics has a rainbow of faucet finishes to choose from in their showroom.

"You can do pretty much any colour," Duke



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An antique copper sink can add dramatic warmth to an all-white kitchen.

One of their suppliers – Native Trails – makes some of the most stunning farmhouse style sinks in uncommon materials.

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Farmhouse sinks continue to be the number one trend in kitchens. Choosing one composed of a unique material is one way to make yours stand out.



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Kitchen and Bath Classics carries a line of bold sinks by Native Trails, including this gorgeous hammered copper farmhouse style sink.

explained. “If you want to do other colours throughout your house like red or purple or turquoise, that’s the faucet company to do it with. That’s how you accent your kitchen.”

Rubinet faucets are high quality and truly turn your kitchen taps into a functional piece of art. With the ability to accent some faucet styles with a secondary colour, the design possibilities are almost endless.

Maybe the way to make a statement isn’t with a bright contrast, but instead with an all-white fixture. That’s possible with Rubinet as well.

If you want to make a splash in your kitchen, there might be no better way than with a beautiful and unique sink.

According to Duke, the most popular sink



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Adding a little pop to your kitchen can be as easy as finding the right faucets. A Canadian company called Rubinet offers faucets in custom finishes – including red or turquoise. The most popular colour at the moment is black with brass accents – which really stands out in an all-white kitchen.

right now is the farmhouse style sink with a visible apron. While they can certainly do a stainless steel farmhouse sink (single bowl or double bowl), there are many options to add some interest in your kitchen.

“Blanco does a granite farmhouse sink and you can do a variety of colours through that. We do a lot of black or grey in a white kitchen. Or you can do the fireclay – which is like a porcelain, but it’s sturdier than a porcelain so it’s a lot more durable,” Duke explained. “And that comes in a white, grey or an oyster colour.”

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Another way to make your kitchen uniquely your own is by adding some fresh and interesting lighting choices. Your choices in your dining room or kitchen don’t have to match either. They can each be unique while maintaining a consistent theme in colour or style. Darker colours will draw the eye upwards, while lighter colours can brighten the space.

Kitchen and Bath Classics carries several brands of lighting in many different styles, from elegant to industrial to chic or quirky.

“You can always incorporate colour through your white kitchen and if you want to do clear glass with chrome or if you want to do a nice glossy white that’s where we incorporate the brass as well,” said Duke.

Whether you’re looking to create your dream kitchen or just looking to add some punch to your existing kitchen, faucets, sinks and lighting can be an easy, yet daring way to accomplish your vision.

“We can definitely help you on deciding what colours to go with in your kitchen,” said Duke. “If you want to match your sinks to your faucets and we can tell you the pros and the cons between them all.”

Adding a bold, artful fixture can make your kitchen your own – a space that makes you smile every time you enter. A space that makes a lasting impression on guests. A space that’s as unique as you. For details, visit kitchenandbathclassics.com.