

CONTEMPORARY DESIGN TO 'STEEL' TOP SPOT

Kitchen trends in 2014 BY PATRICK CALLAN

Professional designers from the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) are forecasting contemporary design will be the fastest growing kitchen trend in 2014. Quartz countertops, outdoor kitchens and energy-saving appliances also ranked highly amongst projected trendsetters, as well as wood floors, glass backsplashes, granite composite sinks, and satin nickel and polished chrome faucets.

"We see kitchen design trending more contemporary this year, with clean, simple lines; less clutter, and little ornamentation," said John Petrie, NKBA's president.

On the way out are kitchens with highly ornamented Tuscan and Provincial looks, distressed and glazed finishes, country and rustic styles, and electric cooktops and porcelain enamel sinks, according to a recent NKBA survey. The report polled 420 kitchen and bathroom designers from Canada and the U.S., who responded based on kitchen projects they completed in 2013 – which ranged from more than \$100,000 to less than \$20,000 – and what trends they expect to see in 2014.

But when considering this report, it is important to keep in mind that Canadian kitchen trends are often atypical of our southern neighbours, according to Corey Klassen, a Vancouver-based certified kitchen designer with the NKBA. His firm, Corey Klassen Interior Design, which designs kitchens, interiors and baths, recently took third place in the NKBA 2014 Design Competition in the Large Bath category.