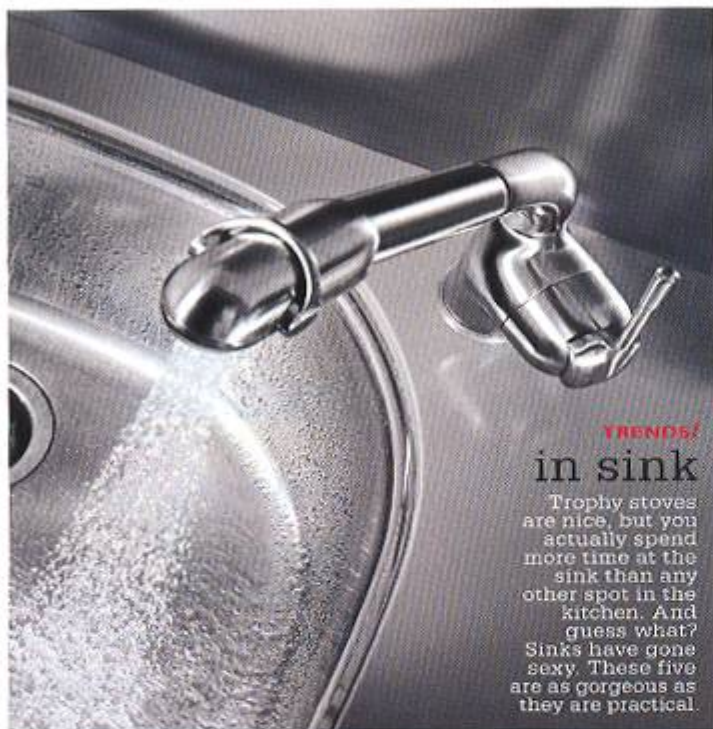


STARTERS

kitchen



TRENDS! in sink

Trophy stoves are nice, but you actually spend more time at the sink than any other spot in the kitchen. And guess what? Sinks have gone sexy. These five are as gorgeous as they are practical.

1/ updated

Julien's riff on an old favorite is a stainless steel update of the classic farmhouse design, complete with an apron front. It's one big sink with room enough for your largest roasting pan or deepest stockpot.

2/ sculptural

A curvy swoop of stainless steel that's great on a work island, Elkay's Mystic River is made for everything from washing fruits and vegetables to filling with ice for an oyster or beer buffet. Plus, it looks beautiful even when it's not being used.

3/ chef-style

Inspired by pro kitchens, Franke takes the big sink, adds a side sink, and works in details for home cooks, including a prep bowl, measuring bowl, colander, and pop-up strainer—all of which nest inside the round sink. There's a tempered-glass cutting board that fits over the big sink, too.

4/ stealth double

One sink, two options: Kohler's Carrizo looks like a single but functions like a double. Instead of a full-on divide, this sink has a stepped basin that's 9 inches deep on one side and 4½ inches deep on the other.

There's space for separate tasks when you want it, and room for oversize pots when you need it. Made of enameled cast iron in several colors.

5/ streamlined

In this seamless design (called an integrated sink), countertop and basin are one. It makes for breezy cleanup—and a sleek look. Sonoma Cast Stone sinks are made of cast concrete, a hardy material with a hand-hewn feel. Available in 24 standard colors and several configurations.

—AMY ALBERT

1/ julien farmhouse sink



LENGTH 42"
WIDTH 26 1/2"
DEPTH 10"
\$3,685
julien.ca

2/ elkay mystic river



LENGTH 52"
WIDTH 14"
DEPTH 4 1/2"
\$2,247
elkayusa.com

3/ franke culinary work center



LENGTH 34"
WIDTH 17 1/2"
DEPTH 5"
\$1,980
frankeconsumerproducts.com

4/ kohler carrizo



LENGTH 33"
WIDTH 22"
DEPTH 4 1/2" and 9"
\$640 and up
kohler.com

5/ sonoma cast stone chefsink



LENGTH 72"
WIDTH 26 1/2"
DEPTH 8"
\$8,970-\$11,885
sonomastone.com