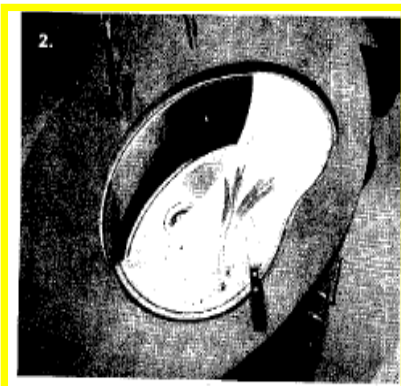


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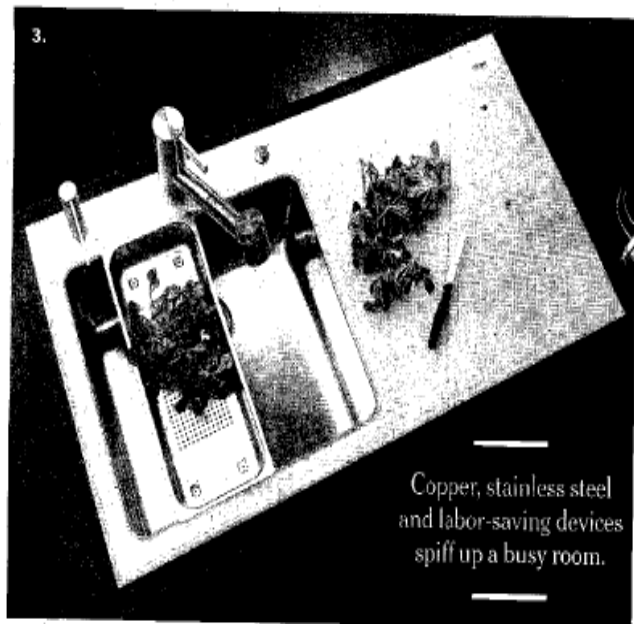
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Form Meets Function, and Both Win



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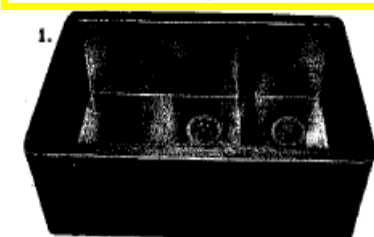
Copper, stainless steel
and labor-saving devices
spiff up a busy room.



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Not all kitchens need to be completely renovated. Some can be refreshed with improvements like a modern sink or an updated faucet. Installing a water filter will help reduce the use of plastic bottles.

Some of the items here will be introduced at K/BIS, the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show and Conference opening Friday in Chicago; others are on the market now. (For more on the show, see Page 6, this section.)

1. The 40-inch-wide Farmhouse Duet Pro sink has a low divider that makes it easier to transfer pots from one side to the other; \$4,625 in antiqued hammered copper. For information: (800) 786-0862 or www.nativetrails.net.

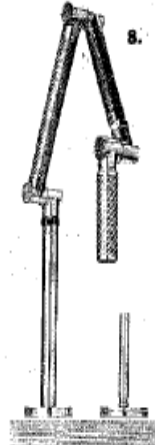
2. Elkay's stainless steel bean-shaped sink, which comes with a removable wood cutting board, is \$1,750; for locations: (630) 572-3192 or www.elkayusa.com.

3. A tempered-glass sink with a stainless steel basin, available later this year in sea foam (shown) or black, is about \$2,700; for locations: (800) 626-5771 or www.frankeconsumerproducts.com.

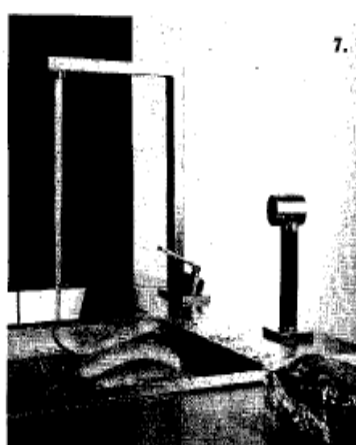
4. A countertop water filter can be converted to an under-the-sink model with its own faucet; \$395 (plus \$150 for the converter kit and faucet) from



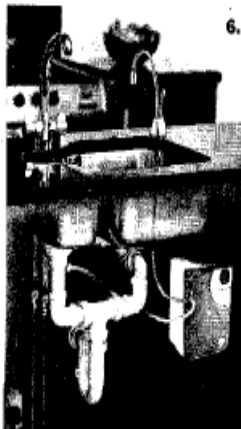
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(800) 428-0410 or www.wellnessfilter.com.

5. The Carafe kitchen faucet, a single-lever design with a switch that lets users choose filtered or unfiltered water, starts at \$343.20; for locations: (800) 456-4537 or www.kohler.com.

6. The Chiller, which cools tap water

but does not filter it, has its own dispenser and a tank installed under the sink; available later this year for \$500 to \$900, depending on the finish of the dispenser, from (800) 558-5700 or www.lnsinkerator.com.

7. The Lot faucet and hand spray set, which is spare enough to suit the most modern kitchen, is \$3,113 in platinum

matte (or \$2,307 in polished chrome); for locations: (800) 774-1181 or www.dornbracht.com.

8. The Karbon Articulating Kitchen faucet has a built-in sprayer head and can be used hands-free. Inspired by the articulated joints of construction equipment, it is made of brass and carbon fiber, and will be available later this year

for \$925 to \$1,250, depending on the finish; for locations: (800) 456-4537 or www.kohler.com.

9. The Tara Ultra Profi, a one-piece sprayer and faucet being introduced at the kitchen and bath show, is \$1,776 to \$2,664, depending on the finish; for locations: (800) 774-1181 or www.dornbracht.com.