

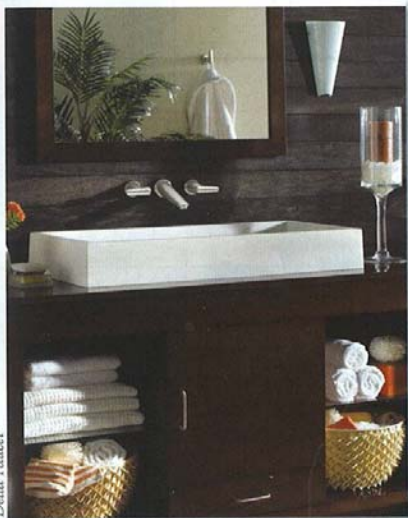
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PLUMBERS BEWARE

Putting in cabinetry along with some of today's specialty sinks isn't as straightforward as it used to be, says Patti Ford, a certified kitchen designer based in Halifax. This is because some sinks are quite deep and big and won't fit in a standard cabinet.



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"This could affect someone who is doing a sink in an existing cabinet. It might be harder for a plumber to try to fit it in."

Ford is also seeing more customers choosing corner sinks, requiring changes in plumbing in renovation situations.



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"And I think all plumbers will vouch for the fact that they're seeing a lot of sinks in islands. So again, it's a little more difficult for them to try to make sure they get all their plumbing in the island, and their venting. It's especially hard for them if the basement's not unfinished."

MOVEABLE STORAGE

Tia Moras, an NKBA certified master kitchen and bath designer based in Vancouver, says storage design in bathrooms is changing. More and more, she is designing less bulky cabinetry, but then has to add storage somewhere else.

"We do a lot of floating vanities to give more floor space. You can tuck a scale underneath there. But you can still make a drawer there. I make U-shaped drawers, so you've got this floating vanity and it looks like there are no drawers in it but you can have two or three U-shaped drawers, which allow for the plumbing."

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