

THE CONNECTICUT DESIGN GUIDE 2024

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BATHS | EMBRACING THE OUTDOORS | TIME TO ORGANIZE! | SHOPPING IN STYLE | THE LIST**

CABINETS: INTO THE WOODS

"Warm tones are back. Oak continues its great resurgence as a cabinetry material. New techniques in wood finishing allow beautiful finishes with cerused white, sandy, earthy or slightly grey tones to come forward. Walnut is a very elegant option that we continue to use in a variety of finishes, from natural to cocoa." —**Joseph Najmy**

"While white is still classic, there has been a surge in wood in walnut and rift-cut oak."

—**Maria N. Tanzi**

"Wood adds warmth, and people are drawn to it. Not only does wood add natural beauty to a space, but it also provides sound absorption and it is a renewable product that isn't mined and sequesters CO₂."

—**Paul Grothouse**

"WE ARE SEEING THE RE-EMERGENCE OF LIGHT WOODS IN KITCHEN PLANS, AS HOMEOWNERS GRAVITATE AWAY FROM DARK TONES." —**Peter Deane**



"Rift-cut, white-oak veneer is very popular, in all different finishes. So are wood-like laminates in different textures and shades."

—**Jeff Eakley**

HARDWARE: ALL IN OR NOT AT ALL

"Decorative hardware is considered the 'jewelry' of the kitchen, with endless finishes and style options to elevate any design. For more modern kitchens, we are seeing channel-designed cabinetry that doesn't require hardware, as well as a mechanical 'touch to open' feature for our technology-forward clients." —**Peter Deane**



"Hardware for me is a must, as it is such an important part of the décor of the kitchen. We are using lots of brushed finishes and more bronze and brass." —**Christopher Peacock**

"The handle-less kitchen has been in our portfolio for years with the Poggenpohl kitchen system. It's super clean, understated, and elegant."

—**Joseph Najmy**



"Touch latches and channels incorporated into cabinetry are popular for contemporary kitchens with flat panel cabinetry." —**Maria N. Tanzi**

"THE HARDWARE DEPENDS ON THE DESIGN. IF IT'S A CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN, PEOPLE TEND TO FORGO HARDWARE FOR A CLEAN, SLEEK LOOK WITH EITHER A CHANNEL, BUILT-IN HARDWARE OR FINGER PULLS. MORE CLASSIC DESIGNS ARE MIXING FINISHES, LIKE BRASS OR CHROME, REGARDLESS OF THE FINISH ON THE APPLIANCES."

—**Jeff Eakley**