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K2005 FAUCET

MANUFACTURER: Cinaton
PERFORMANCE: This single-hole faucet offers hands-free control of 13 functions, including temperature, flow rate, pause, and three user-defined presets.

PRICE RANGE: \$\$

APPLICATIONS: ADA-compliant and WaterSense-certified, the fixture can pivot 150 degrees. It is available in brushed or polished nickel and comes with a 120/240 AC adapter and four AA backup batteries to ensure use in the event of a power outage.

CINATON.COM

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36-INCH INDUCTION COOKTOP

MANUFACTURER: Verona
PERFORMANCE: The electric induction cooktop features an easy-to-clean black ceramic surface and soft-touch digital controls that sit at the front of the unit.

PRICE RANGE: \$\$

APPLICATIONS: All five burners can detect a pan's presence, while a fast-boil setting can be used on three at a time. An alarm signals accidental spills; there is also a hot-surface and residual-heat indicator.

VERONAAPPLIANCES.COM

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CHEF CENTER SINK

MANUFACTURER: Franke
PERFORMANCE: Made of 18-gauge stainless steel, this undermount sink comes with a full line of accessories—colander, cutting board, and drain board—that lie flush with the counter.

PRICE RANGE: \$\$

APPLICATIONS: The sink is available in 28- and 34-inch widths that suit 30- and 36-inch cabinets. One lidded compartment flanking the bowl connects to the drain line to facilitate composting.

FRANKE.US

(SNAP #223)



UPR 503 UNDERCOUNTER REFRIGERATOR

MANUFACTURER: Liebherr
PERFORMANCE: This 4 1/2-cubic-foot appliance, which has pull-out glass shelves and full-extension storage drawers, can be fitted with a custom panel to coordinate with the cabinetry.

PRICE RANGE: \$\$\$

APPLICATIONS: The 24-inch, Energy Star-rated fridge needs no swing-out space. Its height and depth can be adjusted to align with counters up to 34 inches.

LIEBHERR-APPLIANCES.COM

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KEY \$=VALUE, \$\$=MID-RANGE, \$\$\$=HIGH-END

= ECO-FRIENDLY ATTRIBUTES

A Growing Concern

CAN A KITCHEN LAYOUT change how we eat? Mario Zeppetzauer, a managing director of Austrian industrial-design firm **Formquadrat**, thinks so. With the Voking kitchen, he says, “We aim to show that design can make vegetarian cooks’ lives easier.” Currently in prototype, the kitchen features seven freestanding units that support the preparation of meat-free meals through specialized appliances, fixtures, and storage areas. The unit, which features active and passive zones, includes a module devoted to spice making—complete with a mortar carved into the counter and a bank of ceramic storage containers. Voking’s double-bowl sink accommodates seed-sprouting trays, while its glass-front cabinets incorporate **Urban Cultivator**’s indoor gardening system, which allows the user to grow microgreens and herbs.

Although there are no firm plans to produce the Voking, the project’s wide range of backers—including such kitchen, food, and furniture purveyors as **Gaggenau, Dornbracht, Team 7, Cosentino, Eisinger Swiss/Franke,** and **Pfeffersack & Soehne**—indicates there is interest in the subject. But Zeppetzauer says the aim is simple: “We want to have a positive impact on the future of nutrition and cooking.” —LC

GREEN LIVING Formquadrat’s concept design for a kitchen that supports vegetarian cooking features an indoor gardening system, a spice-making station, and a bank of ceramic storage containers.



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DILLON KYLE
Principal
Dillon Kyle Architects
Houston

“Our clients want appliances where they want them, not where they ‘have’ to be. Individual column-style freezers, refrigerators, and wine coolers can be positioned at any location: in the kitchen or even beyond it.”

SNAP FACT

U.S. homeowners remodel a total of

1.8 MILLION

kitchens each year.

SOURCE: SIZE OF INDUSTRY REPORT, JUNE 2016, NATIONAL KITCHEN AND BATH ASSOCIATION