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Innovative new looks for your kitchen renovation



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Get Cozy

Create a lounge in your kitchen with some furniture that lets you kick back and relax. A nook that contains a loveseat or couch, along with a small bookshelf and side table, may become your new favorite place to look through cookbooks or read a few pages of a novel while you're waiting for the dough to rise. If possible, create this area in a sunlit corner of the kitchen that's convenient to where the main cooking action takes place, so that those giving the chef a little company will have a comfortable place to sit and chat with their host.

Innovative new looks for your kitchen can transform the space into one that's more functional and beautiful.

(StatePoint) Renovating your kitchen? Think about making updates that will add beauty and functionality to one of the most important rooms in the house. Here are a few innovative new looks and ideas to consider including in your plans.

Add Geometry

Geometric tile designs can create a bold modernized look in your kitchen, whether you're adding a backsplash or redoing the flooring. Get creative by adding a mosaic design as trim around the pe-

rimeter or as a central point of focus.

Create Your Focal Point

Enhance any kitchen with an impressive new range that combines the functionality and green energy features of a modern appliance with the charm of old-world design. If you want an opportunity to tailor this look to your own specifications, consider those from ILVE. Known for their handcrafted Italian appliances, they have added even more ways to customize their ranges with a new, tradition-

ally inspired solid door option for the ILVE Majestic Collection. Completely windowless, this model features a decorative country-style handrail on the oven door(s) and is available in a range of sizes and colors, from neutral tones like gloss black and matte graphite, to custom statement colors like ultramarine blue or ruby red.

Three trims – brass, bronze and chrome – give homeowners even more options when creating a look for the kitchen that is truly their own. For

Mix and match: update your home with 2018 design trends

(StatePoint) Are you planning to refresh your home but aren't sure where to start? Some of today's most popular design trends encourage mixing and matching favorite home accents within the same space.

There is no need to feel limited by fixtures or finishes, according to design expert, Colleen Visage, who is Progress Lighting's vice president of Product Management.

"Homeowners today are not content to have the same look, the same finishes or the same collections throughout the house," says Visage. "They really want to personalize their spaces."

Coordinating complementary pieces creates a cohesive feel to the home. It can also reinforce a unique style because the ultimate outcome is a custom design. Here are a few ways to master the mix and match trend.



- **Mix Monochromatic Accents:** Tone-on-tone designs are very popular in kitchens, bathrooms, entryways and living areas. Countertops, cabinets and home accents in varying shades of grays and creams can create a sophisticated statement. These tones pair perfectly with gold, brass or brushed nickel finishes.

- **Design with Dual Tones:** Mixed metals or dual tones are on-trend and very popular in home design today. This look can be achieved through mixing fixtures with different, but complementary finishes. For example, Progress Lighting offers fixtures that feature finishes with contrasting accents, such as antique bronze and brass, antique bronze and natural brass or polished nickel with silver ridge – adding visual interest.

- **Pendant Groupings:** Pendant groupings are commonly used in a foyer, over a kitchen

island or above a dining room table. These versatile fixtures can be mixed and matched to create a custom cluster design for a statement-making look.

"I like to design areas that are so inviting, people don't want to leave," says Susan Wilson, designer and founder of Susan Wilson Interiors. "When a home features accents and lighting that work together seamlessly, it makes

the spaces throughout memorable and relatable."

Searching for more design inspiration? Visit progresslighting.com to view images, collections and project ideas for every budget, style and space.

Take your design vision to the next level and personalize your home's living spaces by mastering the art of the mix and match trend.

Livestock owners encouraged to review regulations before moving animals this spring

Spring and summer exhibitions, like county fairs, are right around the corner. The Minnesota Board of Animal Health reminds livestock owners to review animal health and movement regulations before hitting the road. Moving livestock can be a burdensome process, which can go much smoother when everyone prepares ahead of time. Regulations at exhibitions, for official identification and health documentation (for animals moving between states), are in place to protect the health of the animals and the livelihood of livestock businesses and enthusiasts.

Before you even begin getting ready to move your animal, make sure it's healthy by scheduling an appointment with your veterinarian. If you're moving your animal interstate, or out of Minnesota, you must have your veterinarian examine the animal and write you a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. This document helps animal health officials track animal movements and trace disease if those animals become ill.

Another important step to take before moving your livestock is making sure they're officially identified. Acceptable forms of official identification varies by species. You can find a handy breakdown of the different accepted of-

ficial IDs on our website, by clicking this link.

If you're moving animals for a livestock sale, or exhibition, you should know the expectations of the event. The Board has a great website resource with species specific guidelines and requirements you'll need to follow to exhibit animals in Minnesota. All livestock require official identification as mentioned above. Check out the exhibitions page for more details by clicking this link.

When it comes to actually moving the animals, make sure you are hauling them safely. Use the correct equipment and double check that everything is in working order. Plan for delays and prepare for the unexpected. Have food and water ready for the animals in the event you have a mechanical breakdown. Once you reach your destination you should conduct a quick check to make sure the animals appear healthy and uninjured.

Lastly, when returning home, or introducing new animals into your herd, make sure to follow proper biosecurity precautions. Keep the returning, or new, animals separate from your herd for up to one month and look for any clinical signs of diseases they could've potentially contracted while away from your farm.