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### Kohler Sinks



**The kitchen sink is a star player in this kitchen remodel.** The homeowners chose the Kohler Stages to meet both their cooking needs and make a great design impact. This undermount single bowl sink is a whopping 45" wide and comes with a side platform for drying dishes. An array of accessories come with it, including food prep bowls, trays, and cutting boards, all of which fit the opening. It makes use of a usually wasted counter area and keeps messy food confined to the sink. The engineered sound-absorption system significantly reduces disposal and dishwashing noise. What kind of sink do you want in your new kitchen?

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What You Need to Know  
Before You Remodel  
Tuesday, May 5th  
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**Inspired Design**  
Drawer appliances are trendy yet practical options that can install in

### Lighting: Some Bright Ideas for Homeowners

by Hank Wall

Looking through architectural photos in magazines is a study in good lighting. Professional photographers supplement the lighting in homes which already have nice lighting. Attractive home interiors are much more inviting and "designer" when they incorporate good lighting.

Recessed lighting in your kitchen will make life better. You will have more light, spread out evenly and dimmable. For the designer look you will also want to include: lighting above wall cabinets, under-cabinet lighting, lighting inside the knee space of the island and even inside wall cabinets with glass doors. You can add some pizzazz with pendants. Light fixtures that hang down are called pendant lights and are typically used above islands or peninsula countertops set at or just above eye level.



Advances in lighting to consider are: LED light bulbs in place of the incandescent or halogen bulbs and LED tape. For cabinet interiors, island recesses, and a variety of unique locations like under the countertop lip we use LED tape. LED tape has small bulbs wired together with thin adhesive tape for ease of installation. LED tape requires a transformer and an electrician despite the ease of sticking it in place.

LED lighting costs more initially but is worth it over the long run because the fixtures last so long and use so little energy month to month. My advice is to replace the five to six most used bulbs in your

**nearly any space.** Dishwashers, microwaves, refrigerators, and freezers are all available in drawers, making them a good space solution for remodeling. Drawer appliances are both kid friendly and work well for universal design. The drawers come in stainless steel or with fronts that are ready to match the other kitchen cabinets. Wolf makes a drawer microwave that installs in spaces conventional microwaves can't and also doubles as a warming drawer. Fisher & Paykel offers the CoolDrawer which can be changed from a freezer to a fridge to a wine drawer at the touch of a button.



In this recently finished Wood Wise kitchen, the homeowners chose GE Monogram for the 2 refrigerator drawers and ice maker. The results are convenience with a great look.

### **2015 Remodelers Home Tour Saturday and Sunday**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Our entry in this year's Remodelers Home Tour is a stunning inside-the-beltline whole house renovation.** The contemporary house features a floor to ceiling stone veneer face at fireplace, a redesigned open kitchen linking the family room with the dining and living rooms, an architectural screen porch with pipe railing and cypress ceiling, and more. All the areas have great details, creative use of the latest products, and beautiful finishes. Come and get inspired for your home remodeling project. Admission is free. For times, directions, and more information, go to: [http://wakeremodelers.com/remodelers\\_hometour/homesontour](http://wakeremodelers.com/remodelers_hometour/homesontour)



house with LED, not the rarely used bulbs. You will easily save \$75 per year in lighting costs by replacing several bulbs in high-use locations.



In a recent study of lighting usage researchers found that exterior lighting is where most homeowners would benefit from switching to LED because those lights accounted for more energy cost than any single interior room. Kitchens were second in wattage use. Think about how many hours each evening your porch light is burning brightly. Switching to LED bulbs here certainly makes sense.

Compact fluorescent bulbs are more efficient than incandescent bulbs but less efficient than LED bulbs and contain small amounts of mercury so recycling old bulbs is critical. They do not usually have dimming capability.

I recommend purchasing CFL's that are Energy Star rated on the package so that the bulbs come to full illumination instantly rather than slowly. These are quite inexpensive at Lowe's and Home Depot so you can change out several bulbs on a Saturday.



I caution against replacing all of your kitchen recessed bulbs with CFL bulbs. The overall quality and quantity of light will go down significantly as will the color resolution in the kitchen. LED bulbs use 25%–30% of the energy and last 8 to 25 times longer than halogen bulbs.

Note that lighting use in a home is typically only 10% of your energy bill. Heating and cooling is 45% - 55% and appliances come second. Don't



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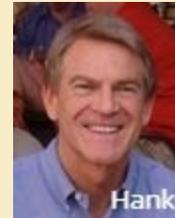
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sacrifice having a well-lit interior or exterior to save a few dollars on your annual utility bill. Feeling good at home with nice lighting, in my opinion, requires an investment in lighting design and usage. Walk through your living space and turn on lamps, accent lights and various indirect lights (above cabinets, for example) and you will create an exceptionally pleasant home interior. Nice lighting makes you feel good being in your home.

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