

GET COOKING

No matter how interiors evolve, kitchens remain the heart of the home. And they're also the rooms that gain the most value from upgrades. Keep your kitchen fresh and modern with these new finds, from high-tech cooktops to sexy metallic barware.

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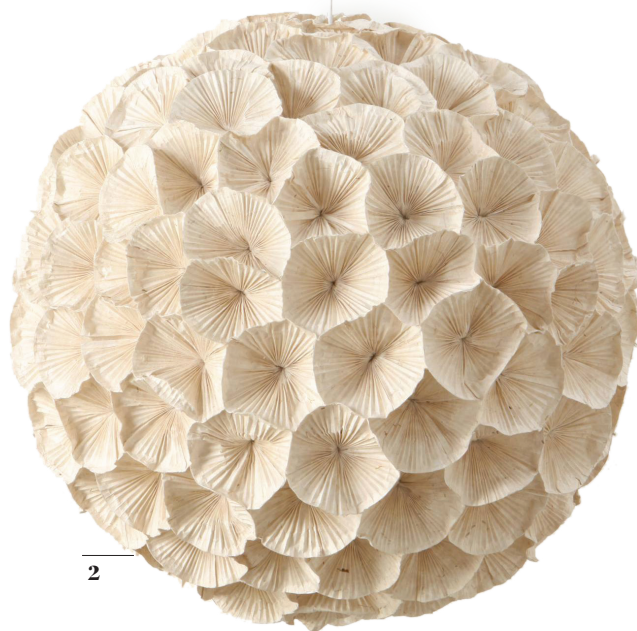
1 | No kitchen is complete without cast-iron cookware, and the name in most chef's cupboards is Staub. Sur la Table has a new, limited-edition five-piece collection (\$74.95-\$299.95) in a handsome Pine Majolique finish. Direct from the archives, this savory hue was Francis Staub's original color. The chef in your life will love it *beaucoup*. **SUR LA TABLE**, 22 N. Lemon Ave., Sarasota, (941) 365-0380.

2 | Put the spotlight on your kitchen or dining room with this spherical cluster of paper flowers. The rhododendron chandelier (\$1,298) will add instant interest and a romantic glow to your space. **ANTHROPOLOGIE**, The Mall at University Town Center, 140 University Town Center Drive, Sarasota, (941) 306-4513.

3 | The Wolf induction cooktop (\$1,295-\$2,795) is all about performance. Whether for faster sears or gentle simmers, a turn of the dial gets instantaneous temperature response—up to 40 percent faster than gas or electric. Beneath the sleek surface is the powerful technology of magnetic induction, meaning the cookware rather than the cooktop heats up, which helps keep kitchens cooler.

MONARK, 5670 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, (941) 926-0700.

4 | Refresh tabletop and barware with hot new metallic tones. Go for a luxe layering of silver and gold. The geometric pattern of this double old-fashioned set of four (\$29.95) will add texture to any gathering. **Z.GALLERIE**, The Mall at University Town Center, 140 University Town Center Drive, Sarasota, (941) 702-2563.



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5| For the consummate entertainer, this appliance is a must. Transform your countertop into an undetected warming center capable of holding food accurately to within +/-2°F. The Viking Professional Incogneeto (\$3,289) mounts directly under stone or engineered stone for seamless integration. **FERGUSON KITCHEN, BATH AND LIGHTING GALLERY**, 2451 17th St., Sarasota, (941) 951-0110.

6| Full-pattern mosaics throughout a backsplash are replacing above-range picture framing. This exquisite example comes from the Ann Sacks Liberty collection of water jet mosaics (\$210 to \$430 per square foot). They're crafted of contrasting flat stone and reflective glass with a handsome pattern of interlocking designs. **TILE MARKET OF SARASOTA**, 1962 Main St., Suite 120, Sarasota, (941) 365-2356.

7| The new trend in dining is practicality with expandability. Not many want an oversized table taking up space anymore, so they're choosing pieces like this lacquered table by Delo Lindo (\$4,210), designed with a folding extension to take it from seating six when closed to up to 10 when open. It's all supported by a brilliant chrome base. **SOFT SQUARE**, 1506 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, (941) 554-4068.

8| Gold is the new neutral. The sophisticated hue is back in a big way from fashion to furniture, and it's an utter snap to incorporate into any space. This Penelope chair (\$622.50) chair of Lucite teamed with an antique gold finish will modernize any dining room. **BLU HOME**, 1830 S. Osprey Ave., Suite 101, Sarasota, (407) 595-0684.



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PENELOPE CHAIR BY HUNTER NICHOLS; MOSAIC TILE BY GREG ASCHENBRENNER