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DuPont Corian's Fontana sinks offer the best of both worlds - an integrated Corian sink with a hardwearing stainless steel base. **Round Fontana sink, £411,25, CD UK Ltd**



Handy add-ons make the sink area more versatile. **Emerton** sink, made from GeoTech composite, with glass chopping board and clip-in drainer, **from £359, Caple**



Continuous single surface worktop/sink combinations, like this bespoke stainless steel one from **Barazza**, make the ultimate style statement. **Price on application**

Spouting on

A relatively inexpensive sink can be transformed with the right taps. Here's a selection to suit most styles and budgets



HOT AND COLD

If you prefer good old-fashioned hot and cold taps as opposed to a mixer, these traditional-style examples will look especially good with Belfast sinks

Neptune taps, £285, Tap Centre



WASH-UP LIKE A PRO

An additional flexible hose makes light work of cleaning pots and pans (and the sink itself), and looks pretty dramatic too

Alton Professional mixer tap in chrome finish, £789, Abode



GOES WITH EVERYTHING

If you can't decide between a classic or contemporary style, this low-key mixer model works well with everything

Mimas mixer tap, around £235.50, Brass & Traditional Sinks



KEEP THE SHINE

Brass is great for period properties, but many types tarnish easily, so look for resistant alloys such as Durabrace instead

Lever two-hole sink bridge mixer in Durabrace finish, £758, Czech and Speake



ON THE WALL

Ultra-minimal with its single-lever control, this is an ideal choice if you like your work surface to be as uncluttered as possible

Egon wall-mounted tap, £444, Tap Centre



PULL-OUT SPRAY

If you don't fancy a separate spray nozzle, a retractable hose represents the best of both worlds. This Triflow model also has a touch-sensitive button that electronically activates filtered drinking water

Electronic monobloc mixer with pull out, around £950 (including filter system), Triflow Concepts



POT FILLER

Saves you having to carry heavy pots across the kitchen - the spout folds out from the wall and can fill them up directly on the hob or work surface

Franke pot filler kitchen tap, £168, Tap Centre



WATER FILTER

Say goodbye to bottled water: in-line water filters are becoming more and more mainstream. Here, the filter is only activated when you turn the cold tap in reverse, so you don't waste it on the washing up

Triom springflow tap in chrome, £295, by Astracast



HOT-WATER DISPENSER

The Quooker sits on the deck next to the main taps and dispenses 100°C water at the push of a button. Supposedly more eco-friendly than the kettle, because there's no over-filling, but it comes at a price...

Quooker, from £775, from Urban Interior

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