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SIMPLY AUTUMN

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Triflow Concept's Back to Tap campaign urges us to rethink bottled water to reduce the impact of plastic waste and toxins. We drink 200 billion litres of bottled water per year globally, leading to 1.5 million tons of plastic waste. Find out more at backtotap.co.uk.



SEAMLESS DESIGN

Created from a single piece of quartz composite, the Integrity sink by Silestone is the first of its kind to be integrated into a worktop. From £800. Contact 0870 011 8788, silestone.co.uk.

H&G SHOPPING



FLEXIBLE FRIEND

With its pivoting articulated joints, the Karbon tap, £1,190, by Kohler can be positioned exactly where you want to dispense water, rinse veg or simply to impress guests. Contact 0870 850 5561, kohler.co.uk.

SINKS & TAPS

The latest designs and innovations will make a splash in the smartest kitchens



MARBLE MATCH

Bang on trend to suit contemporary marble worktops, Alfredo Häberli's Mesa sink for Schiffini, £3,349, is made from solid white Carrara marble. Contact Design Space London, 020 7228 8088, designspacelondon.com.



HOT & COLD

Sieger Design has created the Water Dispenser for its Tara Ultra and Lot kitchen tap series, providing near-boiling water (93°C) and filtered drinking water. From £313. Contact 02476 717129, dornbracht.com.

WHITE HEAT

The ivory ceramic finish of the Linus-S Tap by Blanco makes it a perfect partner for a ceramic sink. It is also available in nine composite colours, as well as chrome and brushed steel. Ceramic finish (shown), £664; chrome finish, £289. Contact 0844 912 0100, blanco.co.uk.



DOUBLING UP

This new double Belfast sink from Carron Phoenix combines classic charm with extra capacity. Belfast 200 double sink, £363, with Arterian taps in chrome, £197. Contact 01324 638321, carron.com.



CLASSIC TWIST

Traditional design and hi-tech functionality combine in a kitchen with lasting good looks

The classic kitchen is associated with good-quality construction, elegance and permanence, making it a desirable as well as reliable choice. "Very stark minimalist kitchens are waning in popularity," says Tristan de la Haye, design consultant at Evitavonni, "and we are seeing more traditional, relaxed styles coming through." If your property is period, it is an obvious candidate for a classic kitchen. However, the true beauty of time-honoured design is its ability to add gravitas and personality. The term "classic" covers a wide spectrum. A Victorian-inspired design will

have a very strong decorative slant, such as moulded corning and ornate pillars, while Edwardian style leans more towards cleaner lines with a strong architectural edge. The simplicity of a Shaker kitchen can be either added to or dressed down, making it perfect for anyone seeking versatility.

Although the classic kitchen takes its cue from the past, it shouldn't be at the expense of modern construction or technology. "As well as being stylish and elegant, the room as somewhere the whole family can gather should be comfortable and invite use," says designer Anita Kohn at Living in Space.