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product innovator awards

K+B is proud to announce the winners of its coveted Product Innovator Awards for 2013. The judges chose the winners out of 88 submissions, all of which have much to give back to the kitchen and bath industry. Awards go to both the Kitchen Product of the Year and Bath Product of the Year, four products were given an Honorable Mention, and this year we have included a "Judge's Picks" category for the four additional products they felt were worthy enough for recognition.

— Section by Christie Butler



Toni Sabatino

Toni Sabatino is a leading kitchen designer in New York City, and her style is a mix of high and low design elements with distinctive details that take into consideration the grace and period of the home's architecture. She has designed residential projects in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Long Island and the Hamptons, and she was the recipient of a Best of Houzz 2013 award in the remodeling category. Sabatino began her career working with a kitchen cabinet manufacturer and then a distributor, all while building a portfolio of 1,000+ kitchens, before launching her own firm – Toni Sabatino Style.



Tim Odom

An award-winning master kitchen and bath designer, Tim Odom operates Kitchen + Bath Artisans (KBA), a full-service design firm specializing in – but not limited to – kitchen and bath design. KBA has a studio in Atlanta that serves the Southeast and has a second studio planned for Sonoma, Calif., to serve clients in that region. Odom's previous experience includes working in two prominent kitchen and bath showrooms in Atlanta, as well as running his own residential design/build company for seven years. For the last 27 years, he has designed more than 450 kitchens, and his work has been featured in a variety of publications.



Cheryl Draz

Cheryl Draz is an interior designer specializing in "people in transition." Realizing the change needed in a home when a client goes through a personal transition because of a divorce, remarriage, birth in the family, a death or empty nest syndrome, prompted her to pay close attention to the needs of her clients during those times. Cheryl Draz Interior Designs in Atlanta has been in business for more than 20 years, has won numerous design awards and has been published in several magazines. Draz was the recipient of a Best of Houzz 2013 award.



David Stimmel

David Stimmel is principal of Stimmel Consulting Group in Ambler, Pa., a firm specializing in kitchen, bath, custom millwork and product design. Having been in the design business for more than 30 years, his work has been featured in more than 50 publications, as well as on HGTV, the DIY Network and This Old House. Stimmel has won more than 30 national design awards, including multiple "Kitchen of the Year" honors from several sources, including K+B. With a strong belief in loyalty, he employs the same team for all of his installations.



Board by Snaidero USA

The judges liked the Board kitchen cabinet line by Italian designer Pietro Arosio of Snaidero Kitchens + Design because they feel it offers a different, non-traditional way to use a kitchen. Board features an open design where the food prep, cooking and cleaning areas are all contained in a self-supporting structure that unfolds from wall units with an anchoring system that links the structure to the cabinets. A projecting functional unit, which is available in two sizes, is made of Corian, and the structure itself has six built-in, basin-like receptacles - three of which are accessorized with cutlery/jar/spice holders, one that serves as a container, one that is a bin for organic waste and one that holds the sink. The wall unit is available in more than 100 color/finish options, and all receptacles can be covered with slide-in chopping blocks to double as working surfaces.

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Melinda 6 by MTI

The judges chose the flexible, freestanding Melinda 6 bathtub because it can accommodate a deck-mounted faucet that conceals the plumbing. The 72-in. x 36-in. x 24-in. tub is made of acrylic that is reinforced with a thick layer of fiberglass/resin/titanium backing for added strength and insulation. The Melinda 6, which retails for \$3,985, features a stylized rolled lip that transitions into a flat top that widens out on one side to accommodate a deck-mounted faucet. Made as a two-piece construction with the bathing well fitted inside the outer shell, the tub, which was designed by Russell Adams, enables a hot and cold water supply, as well as overflow piping concealed between the inner and outer walls.

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