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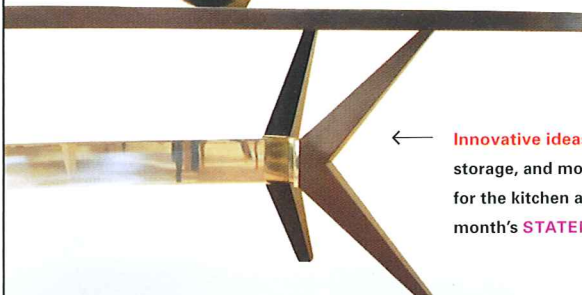
**WHAT'S COOKING?** It's the third year for our Kitchen Culture issue, our annual look at all the gear, gadgets, and innovative designs that make the modern kitchen work—wonderfully. For our Statements pages, Design Editor Nicole Haddad hit the market and showrooms in search of the latest designs for kitchen and bath. And her finds for our Focus pages place the emphasis on pattern—which is coming out in unexpected places, and in all kinds of ways.

Eve Robinson transformed the white millwork of a classically inspired town house into a fun, family-style kitchen with a pop of plum-colored wallpaper, balanced with spring green: Purple has been a hot color in the design world for a few years now, but it's still a fun surprise to see it used well in the hub of the modern home. Janet Simon creates a beautiful breakfast room, inspired by the garden, with interesting design details all around: Pretty is always in style. And we get an inside view of a sleek Bulthaup kitchen inside the wedding-cake confection known as the Ansonia apartment building: Sometimes good taste is simple.

**Pattern.** Solids, stripes, and polka-dots will always have their place, but this month's **FOCUS** takes a close look at the wilder side of interior design (p. 42).



Jason Kontos



← **Innovative ideas.** Furniture, faucets, storage, and more: See what's new for the kitchen and bath in this month's **STATEMENTS** (p. 35).



**POP ART FLAVOR** Karim Rashid designed graphic surface motifs for the Crystal line of modular glass kitchens from Scavolini. His Karikon pattern is shown here. [scavolini.us](http://scavolini.us)

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**IN THE ROUND**

The 30" Mod Mandala Round Bath Rug from Urban Outfitters updates an iconic Eastern design symbolizing cosmic unity. Made of cotton. [urbanoutfitters.com](http://urbanoutfitters.com)

**BOTANICAL INSPIRATION**

A delicate silver floral pattern embellishes the shining black lacquer bathroom vanity and column cabinet from Nella Vetrina's Hermitage Collection. Available in four sizes and a variety of finishes. [nellavetrina.com](http://nellavetrina.com)



**FRESH FUN**

Playful stripes and quirky shapes define Echo Design's Cabana Stripe bath collection. [echodesign.com](http://echodesign.com)

**ORGANIC ELEGANCE**

Nature-made lines define this minimalist oval bathtub from Stone Forest. Shown in honey onyx. The interior features a high-gloss finish. [stoneforest.com](http://stoneforest.com)

