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SPLASHY BRIGHTS

GLASS TILE

Add a splash of color to your walls with Sky Mix glass tile (615563, \$7.99 per square foot). The Tile Shop; 888/398-6595; tileshop.com

SERVING WARE

The variety of pieces in the floral-inspired Peony collection by Julia Knight will keep your table in bloom (\$25–\$225). Julia Knight; 800/388-1878; juliaknight.net

Summertime colors can brighten your kitchen and bath—now and all year. Check out these smart finds—some moderately priced, others a worthy splurge—that will help you create the kitchen or bath of your dreams.

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A kitchen makeover is an investment, so make wise choices about where you can save and where to splurge. Most experts advise focusing funds on two key categories—quality cabinetry and appliances.

DESIGN TIP:
Keep cabinetry in basic tones, then add punches of color with bright dishes or lighting.

CABINETS Select simple elegance with cabinets from the Reading Collection by American Woodmark. The Home Depot; 800/466-3337; homedepot.com

DINNERWARE Go green in a variety of bright colors with recycled glass dishes by Sol Dinnerware (four plates, \$75). VivaTerra; 800/233-6011; vivaterra.com

LIGHT FIXTURE Add style to your kitchen with the Curve Appeal pendant with Squared Up fabric shade (511576, \$249). Shady Lady Lighting; 262/377-6848; shadyladylighting.com

DISH DRAWERS Clean up with dishwasher drawers perfect for singles and small families who don't fill the standard dishwasher quickly (DD24DUT6V2, \$1,399 for the pair). DCS by Fisher & Paykel Appliances; 888/936-7872; dcsappliances.com

GLASS COUNTERTOPS Blend beauty and durability with recycled glass countertops (from \$200 per square foot). ThinkGlass; 877/410-4527; thinkglass.com



GOOD IDEA

The best way to **START PLANNING** a makeover is to compile a binder with clippings of your **FAVORITE PRODUCTS** and styles.



Fixtures and details make the difference

in a bathroom—from an invigorating shower to a relaxing soak to an efficient flush. Get a quick fix by switching out old knobs for colorful hardware or by framing your mirror.



DESIGN TIP:
Stretch your bathroom budget by keeping the toilet, tub, and sink in the same location.

BATHTUB Splurge and create a focal point in your bath with the Restoration 3 bathtub (AIY5417TO, \$3,060). Aquatic; 800/877-2005; aquatic.com

SHOWERHEAD Get the convenience of a hand shower with the Traditional In2ition two-in-one shower (\$141). The outer ring keeps warm water flowing when the handheld unit is in use. Delta; 800/345-3358; deltafaucets.com

HARDWARE Add pizzazz to cabinets by installing new knobs (\$16, round gold knob with red flowers, or a pull with light green and teal seagrass \$28). Acorn Manufacturing; 800/835-0121; acornmfg.com



SPIFF UP your bath or powder room counter with pretty **VANITY ACCESSORIES.**

VANITY ACCESSORIES Brighten your bath countertop with the Cabana Stripe collection (\$7-\$30) from Echo. Echo Design; 800/327-3896; echodesign.com

MIRROR FRAME Make over your mirror with a stylish Mirror Mate frame (from \$109). Mirror Mate; 866/304-6283; mirrormate.com

TOILET Use 20-60 percent less water with the Cobalt two-piece high-efficiency toilet (DC06333OBC-DC062321BC, \$335). Danze; 888/328-2383; danze.com



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GOOD IDEA



Color is a quick pick-me-up.

Get a jolt for your kitchen or bath from a canister, new towels, wallpaper, or paint. Pale aqua, a popular hue now, is reminiscent of the sea—and relaxing memories of times on the beach.



WALLCOVERING Spiff up a powder room with the Signature Pixie wallpaper from the Walt Disney collection (WD2930, \$130 a roll). York Wallcoverings; 717/846-4456; yorkwall.com

CANISTER Add a classical touch with the Renaissance kitchen canister (GKCO07Z, \$61). La Fuente; 888/622-0939; lafuente.com

TOWELS Go dotty with towels from the Kate Spade New York Larabee Dot collection (washcloth, \$8; hand towel, \$13; bath towel, \$17). Kate Spade; 866/999-5283; katespade.com

PAINT Wake up your walls with the Better Homes and Gardens® paint collection by Glidden (*from left*, BHG418, Mango Mania; BHG415, Ripe Pumpkin; and BHG413, Zesty; from \$16.97 per gallon). Walmart; 800/925-6278; walmart.com