

smart shopping

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product picks for every budget

Comparison-shop these products as you plan your kitchen or bath remodel: modern sconces, comfort-height toilets, drop-in stainless-steel sinks, and super-quiet dishwashers.



Modern Sconces

\$390

Play up the Transparence Sconce's clear shade with a chrome-tip bulb that bounces light off a polished-chrome disc. Model 5801.01 is 8 inches high. Sonneman - A Way of Light; sonnemanawayoflight.com

editor's pick

\$66

Twin chrome bands and an etched-glass shade give the BS13113CH sconce its clean look. Hang the 10½-inch-tall fixture with the shade opening up or down. Shades of Light; shadesoflight.com



\$139

Just 5½ inches tall, the Bryant Single Sconce boasts a bright xenon bulb behind a frosted glass cube. Choose polished nickel (shown), satin nickel, or polished chrome. Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com



Comfort-Height Toilets

\$99

This gravity-fed two-piece toilet draws 1.28 gallons per flush. The elongated bowl of model AT1203-00 stands 16¼ inches tall, 17½ inches with its seat. AquaSource, available at Lowe's; lowes.com.



\$343

The Stealth Dual Flush Toilet's elongated bowl has a 17-inch rim height. Choose between 0.95 gallon for solid waste and a miserly 0.5 gallon for liquid waste. Niagara Conservation; niagaracorp.com.



\$433

The one-piece Aegean has a sleek design with a 16¼-inch seat and elongated bowl. WaterSense-rated at 1.28 gallons, model 708 has a clog-defying 3-inch valve. Mansfield Plumbing Products; mansfieldplumbing.com.

Drop-In Stainless-Steel Sinks

\$242

Eight-inch-deep basins, 20-gauge satin-finish stainless steel, and a rolled rim make the Middleton 14708-3 a practical choice. Sterling Plumbing; sterlingplumbing.com.



\$530

Sturdy 18-gauge steel diminishes sounds and features a low-sheen finish, while 9-inch-deep bowls help model FBFG904BX hold larger items. FrankeUSA; frankeusa.com.



\$799

The K-3839-1-NA sink made of 18-gauge stainless steel sports one medium and one large bowl, a sleek low-profile edge, and a basin rack. Kohler; us.kohler.com.

Super-Quiet Dishwashers

\$1,549

Insulation, a filter-based wash system, and a sound-dampened motor achieve 39 decibels for the Architect Series II KDTE504DSS. KitchenAid; kitchenaid.com.



\$1,760

Model 12833 operates at a hushed 39 decibels and boasts the SmartWash HE cycle, which adjusts water and energy needs to match load size. Kenmore; kenmore.com.



\$1,999

A front-panel light verifies this 38-decibel 800 Plus model is running—it's that quiet. A display shows cycle status and a third rack boosts capacity. Bosch; bosch-home.com/us.