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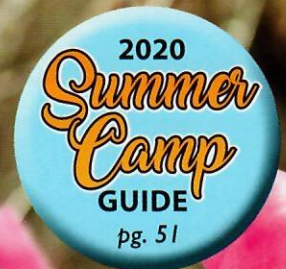
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What's Cooking ...

in kitchen appliances?

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SHOWHOUSES (see ad on page 45) are right around the corner and I can tell you they are spectacular! One of the highlights of any home tour is the kitchen, and with three houses the team had the opportunity to design three completely unique, high-end kitchens. Since so many homes in the Lake Norman area are due for a kitchen update, I thought I would share some information on choosing your appliances. To do this, I interviewed the Director of Sales and Merchandise at Queen City Audio Video and Appliances, Ben Willis, to get the real story. Here are some of his answers to my questions. He is a wealth of knowledge!



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WHAT ARE THE TOP CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHOOSING AN APPLIANCE?

- **Budget considerations** – 3% of the home's value should be in your kitchen appliances.
- **Gas, electric, or induction cooking** – What do you have (or what do you want) in your home?
- **Built-in appliances verse free-standing appliances.**
- **Home aesthetics.** Preferences on finishes, handles, and options for knobs or bezels.

IS IT OK TO MIX AND MATCH APPLIANCES OR SHOULD YOU CHOOSE ONE MANUFACTURER?

Most customers prefer to buy within one manufacturer. This creates a cohesive look to the whole kitchen. Consistency in color, finish, and matching handles is usually important when creating a kitchen design. Manufacturers rely on their visual brand language to be unique.

HOW ARE PEOPLE USING APPLIANCES DIFFERENT TODAY THAN FIVE YEARS AGO?

- There is far more emphasis on entertainment appliances such as large cooking surfaces, under-the-counter refrigerators, wine storage, and ice machines.
- The introduction of “smart” appliances allows you to communicate directly to the manufacturer on service issues as well as make temperature adjustments via apps on your phone.
- People are investing a lot more into their food so we are seeing smarter and healthier ways to cook such as air fry, steam, and sous vide.

WHAT ARE THE MOST POPULAR FINISHES?

While stainless steel still dominates, people now have choices such as white, stainless look, true stainless, black stainless, matte black, matte white, slate, dark slate, and Tuscan to name a few. Also, many manufacturers offer an entire color wheel of additional finishes via special order. Modern glass is a new alternative that is coming out as well.

CAN YOU SHARE A TIP FOR THOSE BEGINNING THE PROCESS?

Before you do too much planning, take the time to write down your “must-haves” for your new kitchen. What are some things you did not like in past kitchens?

GIVE US THE QUICK SKINNY ON THE THREE APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS THAT EVERYONE WILL SEE IN THESE HOMES.

The Modern Resort is showcasing Dacor Appliances. This manufacturer delivers expert innovations, intuitive technology, and handcrafted design.

The Modern Farmhouse is showcasing Sub-Zero/Wolf. This leader in brand recognition, with its characteristic red knobs, has outstanding performance and reliability.

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