

## Black is Back

*Designer Lauren Clement discusses the growing popularity of one color*

CHARLOTTE, N.C.-BASED LAUREN CLEMENT of Lauren Nicole Designs has a simple design philosophy: Form + Function = Fabulous. Starting in 2006, her work has been recognized regionally and nationally, including partnerships with companies like Benjamin Moore and Andrew Pearson + Charleston Forge. After attending this year's KBIS, Clement noticed one fabulous color trend in particular she feels many clients will start to gravitate toward: black.



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— **Black Picasso from Telios:** "Black marble is back with some beautiful options. I saw rich black backgrounds with lighter veining throughout, which was sort of a reverse on the white and gray quartz and marble products. This example here makes me think of dark chocolate with caramel drizzle."



↑ **Kraus Urbix Bridge Faucet:** "This has a finish with a surprise in store that makes it a crowd favorite. It turns blue, pink or any color when the water runs hot. Safety first!"



— **True Residential 36-in. Glass-Door Refrigerator Column:** "Matte-black refrigerators were a showstopper at this year's KBIS. Add copper or silver chunky hardware for an extra punch."



— **Brizo's Kintsu Bath Collection:** "This collection was inspired by the Japanese art of mending broken pieces of pottery by adding lacquers of silver, gold and copper. Not only are these pieces stunning, they are art for the bathroom. With multiple finishes, black onyx being one of them, this line with interchangeable accents — such as concrete, teal or mother of pearl — is absolutely stunning!"



— **Kohler's Neoroc Farmhouse Kitchen Sink:** "The popular apron-front sink went to a whole new level when Kohler showed it not only in black but also with a molded design to the front."



↑ **Toulouse from Victoria + Albert:** "Move over all white — this tub has a matte-black exterior with a glossy white interior, making it like a tuxedo for any bathroom."

— **The DreamLine Unidoor Toulouse:** "We've all seen the black window frames and mullions become incredibly popular in architecture over the last several years, and now you can have that same look on your shower doors! Instead of making your door out of forged steel, a heat application is used to paint on the grids to look like metal, and in fact this is a much more cost-effective and durable process."

