

DESIGN NEWS

The latest updates for kitchens, bathrooms and big projects



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As any host knows, air-kissing and canapé art leave little time for wrestling with wine bottles mid-Christmas drinks party. Luckily, Cuisinart's automatic wine opener will have you uncorking in mere seconds, all at the push of a button. Cordless wine opener, £45 (cuisinart.co.uk)

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MOOD SWING

Give us a sleek, Scandi-feel, veneered Nordic Oak breakfast bar and chances are we'll be kitchen-smitten. Add a fresh update for units in a navy lacquered finish and we'll fall hook, line and sinker. Such is the case for Silvano Barsacchi's Mood kitchen for Scavolini. Dubbed Moon Blue by the Italian firm, the new hue is just the ticket for bringing a dark and mysterious edge to your scheme, all beautifully offset with clean-cut silhouettes and anthracite porcelain worktops. Mood kitchen in Moon Blue lacquered finish, from £10,000 (scavolini.com)



GO FOR GOLD

'Tis the season for excess. So why not pop a bathroom basin finished in 18-carat gold on your Christmas list? And within Catalano's new ceramic collection is a pure silver WC complete with inbuilt flushing technology and a scratch-resistant coating. Because even toilets can be fabulous... Green Lux 80 basin in Gold and Black, £1,108.80 (catalano.co.uk)



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Marry 'Christmas Day essential' with 'nifty little stocking filler' and you get Alessi's Noè wine and champagne bottle stopper, relaunched for the festive season in this soft and chic Golden Pink shade. Giulio Iacchetti for Alessi, £29 (alessi.com)