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Homes in Style

# When in doubt go stainless

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Stainless steel has long been one of the most popular themes in which to decorate a kitchen. It's modern, relatively easy to maintain, sanitary and flexible.

"It's part of a general trend with decor with a slightly more institutional and industrial look," says Margot Austin, senior design editor at Style at Home magazine. "Stainless steel adds some sheen and texture and certainly some light reflection as well."

She says bathrooms of late have also been embracing stainless steel with bathtubs and the odd toilet.

"It's funny because people think of it as a cold metal but it's very smooth. It looks different than it performs — it gives a cold industrial look but feels satiny to the touch."



Check out this line of kitchenware from Urban Barn: The Axis Whisk & Ceramic Stand Set, left, in stainless steel and also ceramic, is for cooking, baking and everyday making, \$17. Sleek and futuristic, the Flying Saucer Salt & Pepper Set, above, will make any table spin, \$20. Lightweight and stylish, the Axis Stainless Steel Pitcher, right, is an original piece for your home for everyday use and to wow your guests, \$40. Urbanbarn.ca.

This ornate metal Foundry Soap Dish props up slick, bubbly bars. Anthropologie, \$24, anthropologie.com.



Right: The Rising Rays classic desk lamp has a gleaming silver shade and an arm that flexes and bends to illuminate your pages. Anthropologie, \$598, anthropologie.com.

Above: Say ah! This sleek metal swivel Vintage-inspired Dentist Lamp casts a soft glow atop comfy couches and reclining chairs alike. Also comes in iron, aluminum, glass. Anthropologie, \$4,341, anthropologie.com.

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