

KBIS + IBS show report

2026



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NOTES FROM THE SHOW

The 2026 Design & Construction Week highlighted the merging of product innovation, design evolution, and technology-driven building practices. At **KBIS 2026**, brands emphasized whole-home cohesion, expanding beyond single categories to create unified,



design-forward ecosystems. Sculptural forms, softened traditional silhouettes, and rich material pairings reflected growing consumer demand for warmth, tactility, and expressive detail. These aesthetics aligned seamlessly with advanced technologies, underscoring how refinement and functionality now move in tandem.

Meanwhile, **IBS 2026** reinforced this direction, showing how design ambitions connect with broader construction trends. The AI & Tech Studio introduced practical, hands-on digital tools transforming how homes are envisioned and executed, highlighting the industry's reliance on smart, efficient systems. Market behavior also pointed toward right-sized, affordability-focused homes—smaller yet more optimized builds shaped by shifting expectations and economic pressures.

Together, KBIS and IBS 2026 revealed a future defined by **emotionally resonant design paired with streamlined, adaptive, and intelligent building practices.**

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01. CABINETS 2026

- *Warm Woods*
- *Soothing Blues & Greens*
- *Two-Toned Combinations*
- *Stand Out Species*

CABINETS

WARM WOODS

As the need for authenticity and natural materials strengthens, wood finishes continue to emerge as consumer favorites. Warm stains, in particular, are gaining tracking within the kitchen and bath space as part of a larger design shift toward timeless, organic aesthetics. These finishes enhance interiors with subtle grain patterns and earthy hues, creating spaces that feel both modern and deeply rooted in nature.



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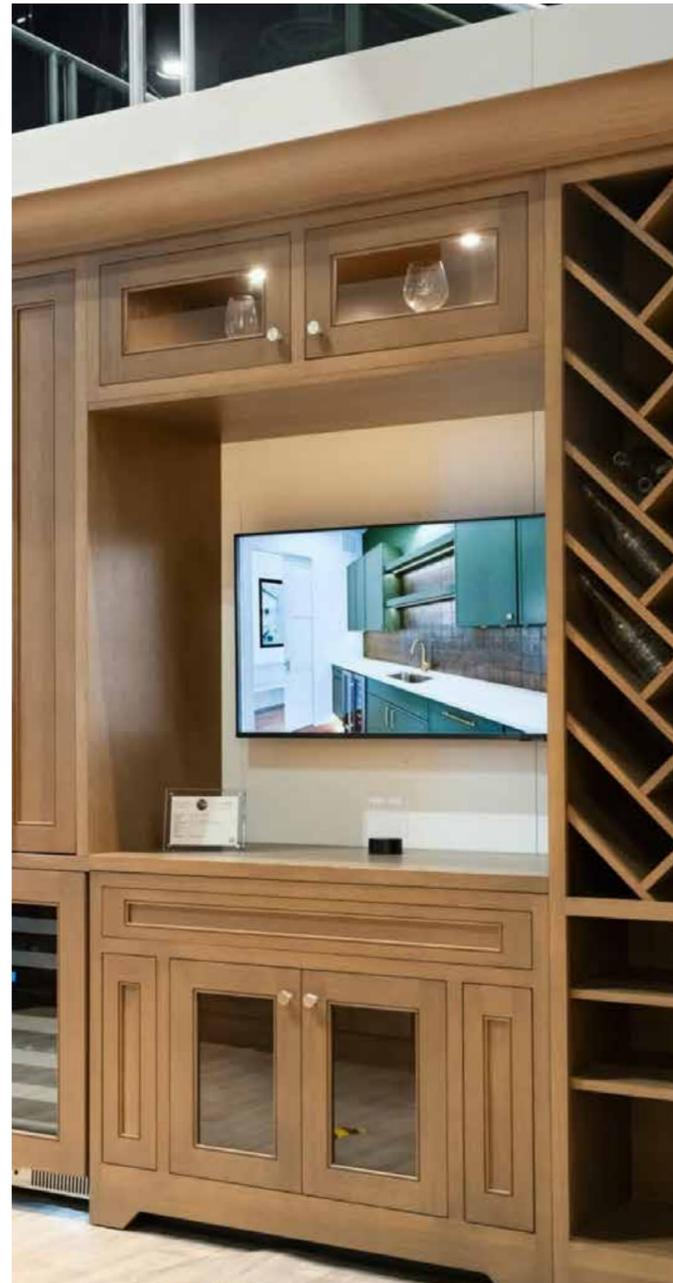


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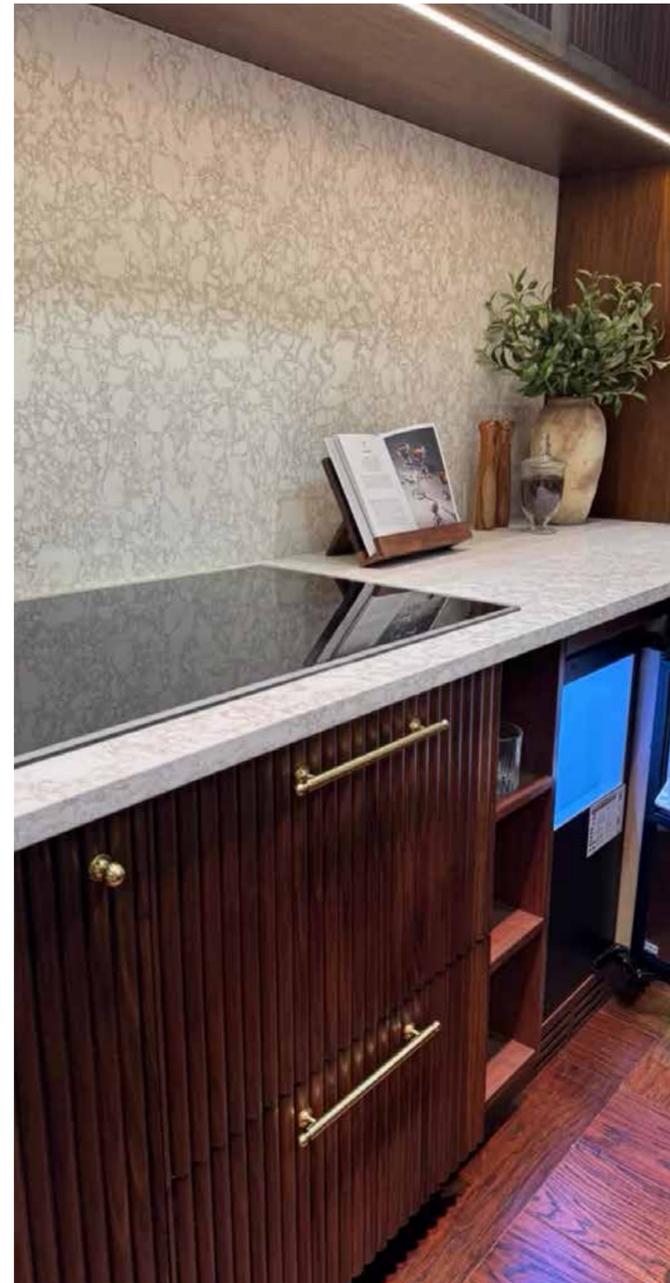


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Get the look with Sherwin-Williams



SB050 // Tea with Milk



SB035 // Sweet Honey



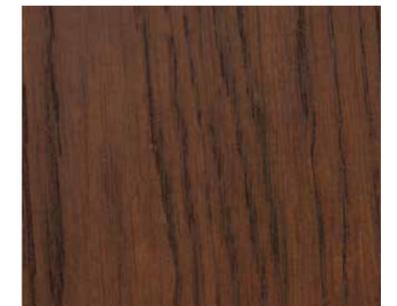
SB036 // Antique Barrel



SB069 // Marigold



SB014 // Chocolate Brownie



SB072 // Cappuccino

CABINETS

SOOTHING BLUES & GREENS

Soothing blue and green palettes are becoming essential in today’s home design, celebrated for their ability to evoke calm, serenity, and a sense of grounded balance. Their rising appeal reflects a focused movement towards wellness and restorative environments—spaces that draw from the tranquility of forests, coastlines, and soft atmospheric tones that support relaxation and emotional ease.



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Photo: LG Booth

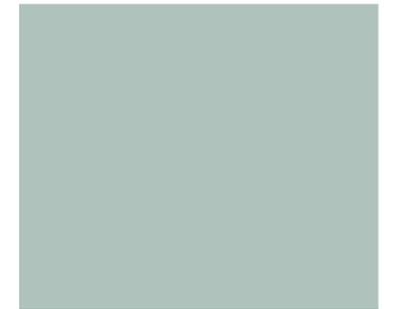


Photo Credit: @omegacabinets

Get the look with Sherwin-Williams



SW 6206 // Oyster Bay



SW 6212 // Quietude



SW 9137 // Niebla Azul



SW 9130 // Evergreen Fog



SW 9679 // Juniper



SW 7604 // Smoky Blue

CABINETS

TWO-TONED COMBINATIONS

Two-tone finish combinations are gaining strong momentum in 2026, offering a dynamic way to bring depth, contrast, and personalization to kitchen and bath design. Designers are using this approach to emphasize structure, highlight focal points, and create layered visual interest without overwhelming the space. These combinations introduce a curated, custom feel, reflecting the desire for inviting, personalized interiors.



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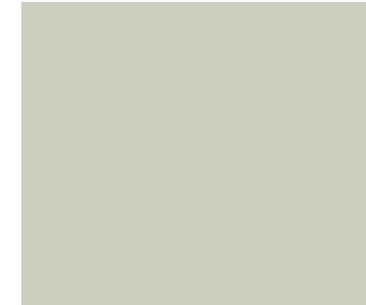


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Photo Credit: @wood_mode

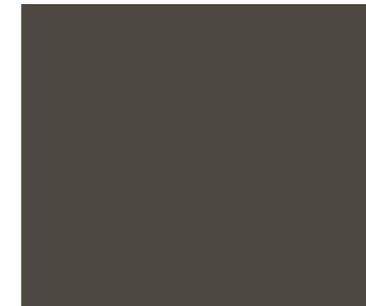
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SW 6176 // Liveable Green



SB009 // Warm Gray



SW 7048 // Urbane Bronze



SB066 // Washed Amber



SW 9640 // Sea Mariner



SB071 // Burnt Umber

CABINETS

STAND OUT SPECIES

Warm, expressive wood species are at the forefront of design, with white oak, walnut, and maple emerging as the most sought-after cabinetry materials. White Oak's soft, warm undertones and versatile grain make it ideal for modern, Scandinavian, coastal, and organic-minimalist interiors. Walnut continues to resonate for its rich depth and luxury appeal, while Maple continues to be valued for its smooth, consistent grain.



Walnut (James Martin Vanities), Photo Credit: @jamesmartinvanities



White Oak (Innovation Cabinetry)



Maple (Fabuwood), Photo Credit: Fabuwood

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SW018907 // Walnut



SW018333 // Walnut



SW018953 // White Oak



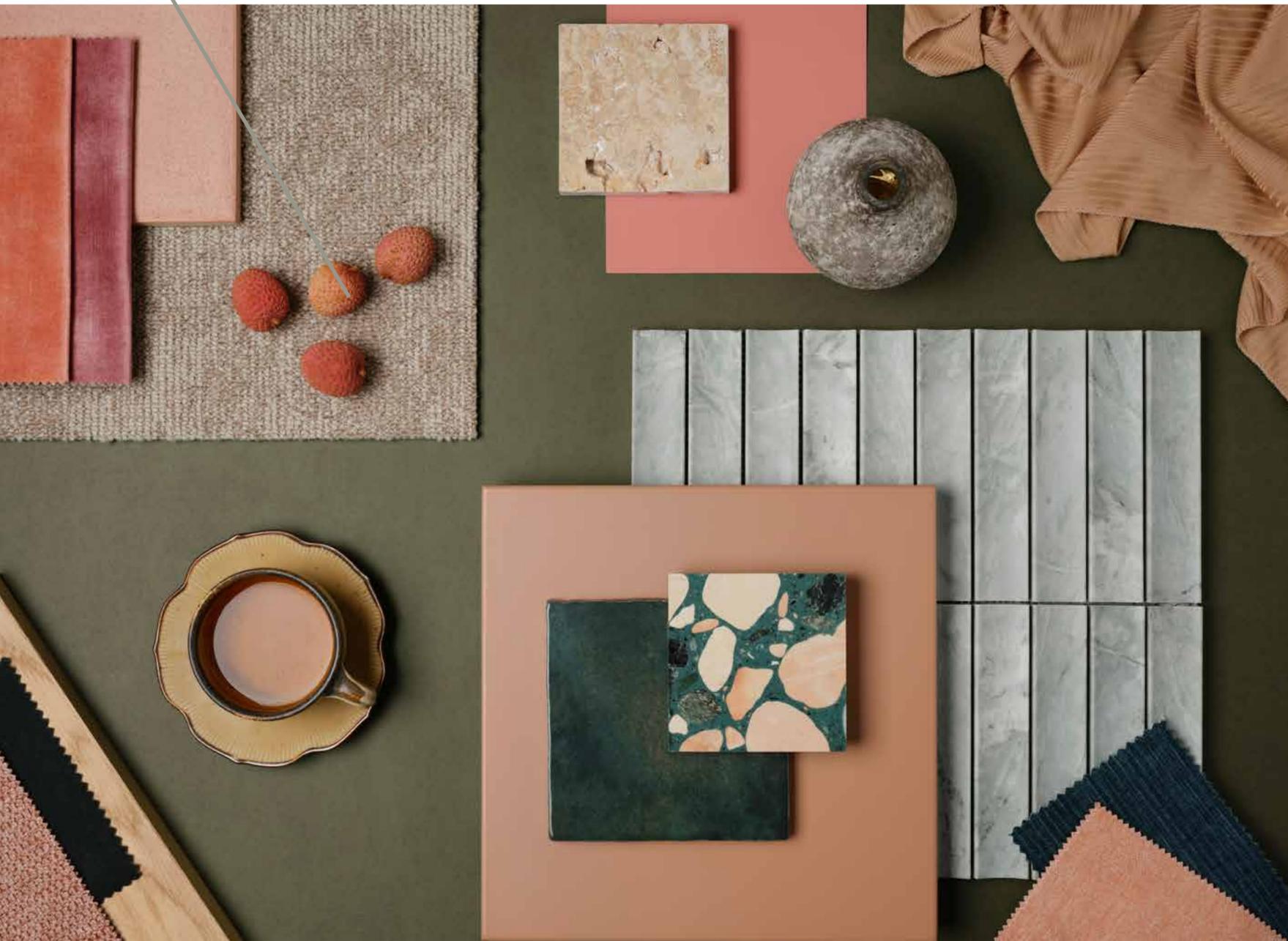
SW018785 // White Oak



SW018390 // Maple



SW018797 // Maple



02. THE DETAILS 2026

- *Art Meets Function*
- *Bold Stone & Tiles*
- *Textured Everything*
- *Metal Moments*

THE DETAILS

ART MEETS FUNCTION

Art-forward design was a defining theme, where sculptural forms elevated function across every product category. Exhibitors showcased modernist-inspired collections, fluid silhouettes, and bold artistic collaborations, proving that everyday fixtures can double as striking design statements, highlighting a clear shift toward products that perform beautifully *and* enrich the home's aesthetic.



Kohler's Salute Bathroom Sink



Toto's Aurora toilet, Photo Credit: @totousa



Photo Credit: @fittingsmetal



Cava Surfaces, Photo Credit: @nm.interiors



Brizo's Frank Lloyd Wright Bath Collection



Concretti's Molokai Freestanding Bathtub, Photo Credit: @concretti_designs

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BOLD STONE & TILES

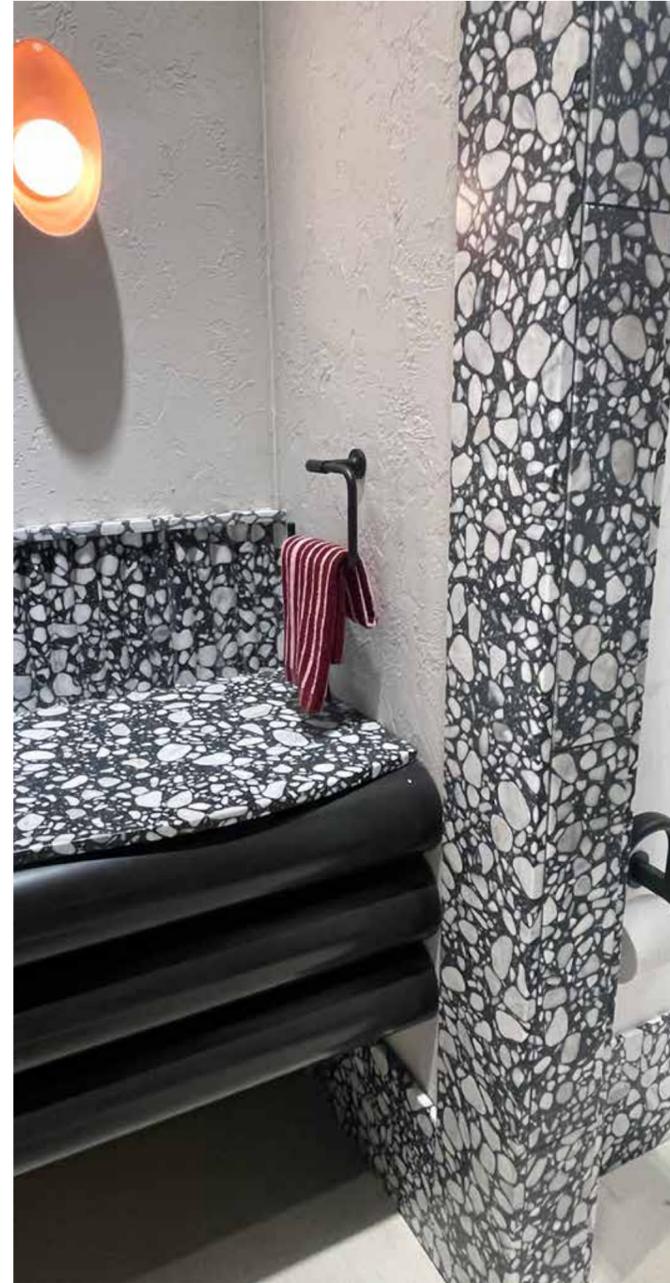
Bold stone and tile made a striking impact at KBIS 2026, with dramatic veining, oversized patterns, and sculptural surfaces taking center stage. These expressive materials featured everything from high-contrast marbles to richly textured tile to retro color palettes. The result transformed functional surfaces into visual focal points that were both practical and powerfully decorative.



LX Hausys US, TERACANTO Porcelain Countertops



Cambridia Booth



Kohler Booth



SKS Appliances Booth featuring Artistic Tile's Natural Stone Collection with Ali Budd



Kohler Booth, Photo Credit: @kbfdesigngallery



Cafe Appliances booth featuring backsplash by Tile Club, Photo Credit: @kitchenandbathdesignnews

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TEXTURED EVERYTHING

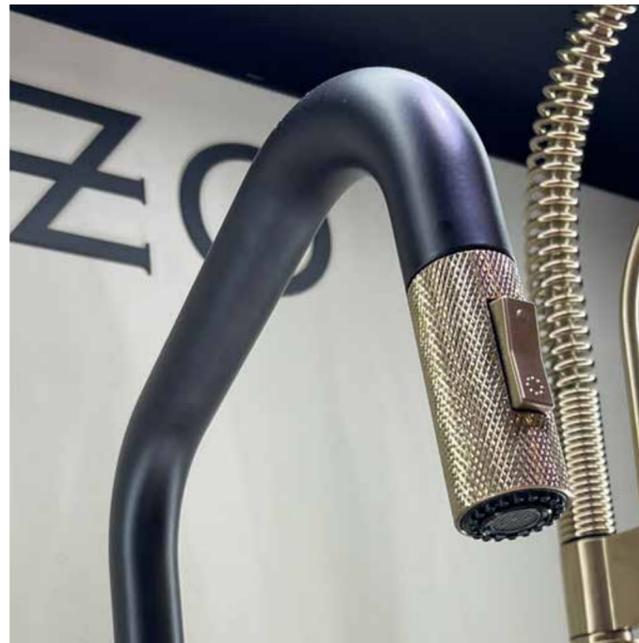
Textured surfaces took over every aspect and material of the show, reinforcing a major shift toward tactile, visually layered design. From fluted and reeded cabinetry and marble to dimensional tile, sculpted hardware, and chisled forms, texture was showcased in a way that turned simple forms into standout features. Glass, ceramics, and metals were all embellished to bring a layered, sensory experience.



Kohler's Rista Bathroom Sink



Empava's Sculptura Tub, Photo Credit: @empavaappliances



Brizo's Litze Collection



Kohler Booth



Dalfile Booth



Baldwin Hardware Booth

THE DETAILS

METAL MOMENTS

Metal finishes showcased a wide range of nuanced, design-forward tones. Warm finishes like bronze and copper are gaining traction, while golds remained prevalent. Deeper, moodier shades such as smoked-inspired grays and darkened silvers appeared across hardware and fixtures alike. Two-tone metal combinations also had a noticeable presence, as designers pair dark and bright metals to create a more layered, expressive hardware story.



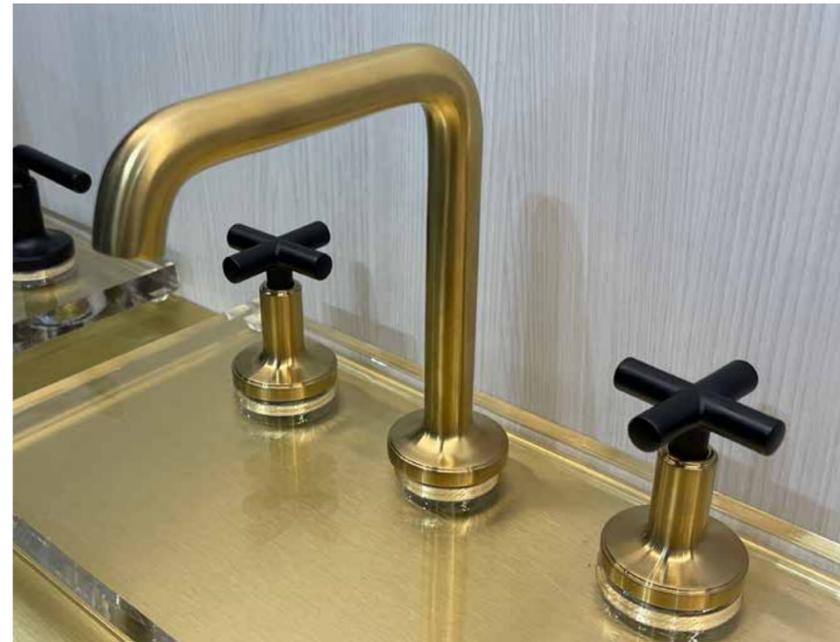
Kohler Booth



Baril faucet, Photo Credit: @julienkitchen_products



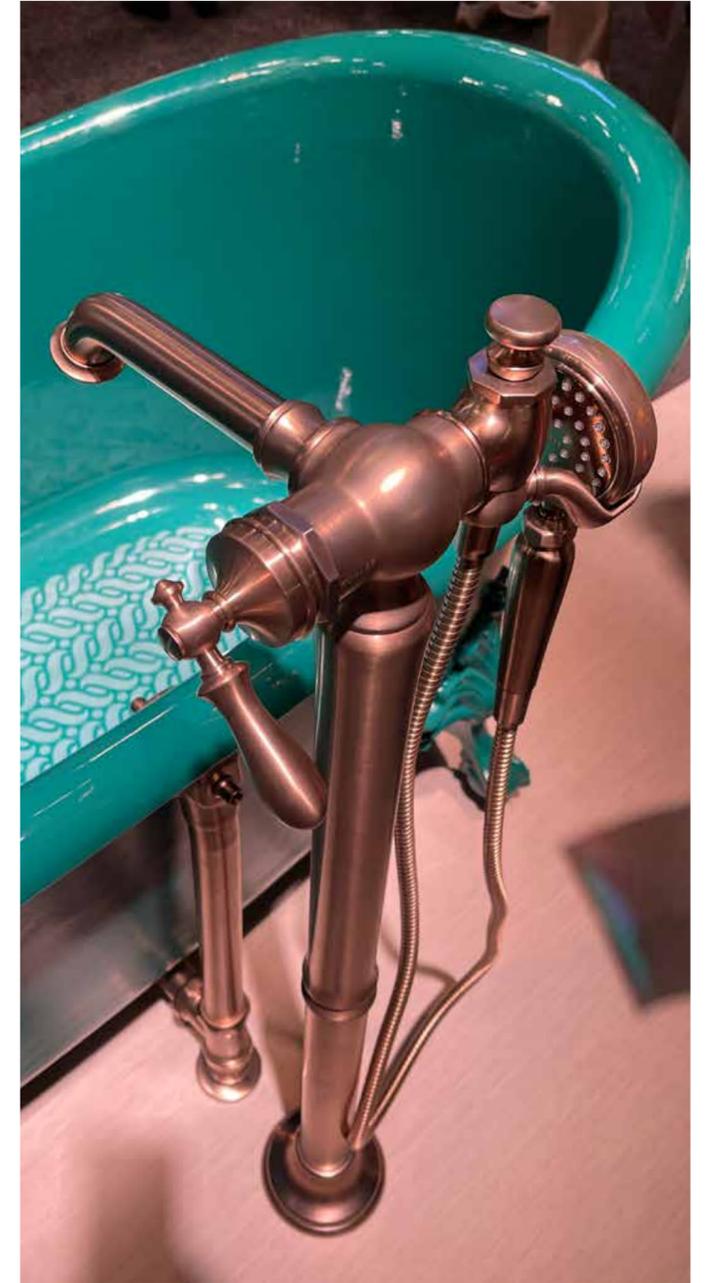
Photo Credit: @laufen_usa



Pfister Faucets, Tenet Collection



Brizo Booth



Kohler's Artifacts floor-mount bath filler with handshower



03. BUILDING PRODUCTS 2026

- *Siding Solutions*
- *Windows & Doors*
- *Flooring & Decking*

SIDING SOLUTIONS

Exterior siding is moving firmly toward durability, natural materials, rich textures, and mixed-material aesthetics. Wood-look siding materials rose to the forefront as builders and manufacturers leaned into natural, organic aesthetics while delivering far better durability than traditional lumber allows. Texture was equally influential across the show, with manufacturers doubling down on dimensional surfaces that add richness and architectural interest.



WINDOWS & DOORS

As exterior design shifted toward warmth, natural materials, and tactile expression at IBS 2026, windows and doors followed the same trajectory. Designers increasingly paired warm wood-look cladding with window and door frames in earth-inspired stains, matte metal finishes, and natural textures, contributing to the layered, mixed-material exteriors trending for 2026.



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FLOORING & DECKING

Flooring trends have decisively shifted toward warm neutrals and natural hues, replacing the cool grays of previous years. Wide plank designs continue their rise, creating spacious, calming interiors with fewer seams. Decking colors reflect broader home trends including warm browns, weathered taupes, and wood-grain textures that blur the line between indoor and outdoor aesthetics as the importance of outdoor living grows with homeowners.





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