White Is the New Orange

Riding a recent wave of popularity, white stone is making a frequent appearance in many new and remodeled kitchens and bathrooms. Not only is it durable and resistant to heat and scratches, but it also provides a fresh look that instantly brightens up any room and adds an element of modernity. Whether you're dreaming of a gleaming kitchen or yearning to add a sleek counter in your bathroom, white stone is a solid choice.

A trend of designing mostly-white rooms is on the rise. Jonathan Scott, star of HGTV's *Property Brothers* and *Brother vs. Brother*, briefly discussed white kitchen designs in an <u>article</u> on color trends. He mentioned that people are realizing there are options beyond stainless steel and granite counter tops. "We're [also] seeing the revivial of white appliances," he said. "Really cool, glass, glossy white appliances." White stone counter tops plus white appliances provides the perfect neutral canvas to add a contrasting pop of color. Add a splash of color to the inside of cabinets in an all-white kitchen, as seen <u>here</u>. If you're really feeling crazy, use white stone to balance out adventurous cabinet colors, similar to <u>this</u> kitchen. The same goes for adding pops of color to white bathrooms. <u>This</u> bathroom's brightly painted wall and ceiling look fabulous next to the luminous white stone, while dusty pink curtains, flowers, and a fluffy robe mix well with the white in <u>another</u> bathroom.

If color isn't in your design plan, make the room completely white for a classic, clean look. "No one can argue with a white bathroom," Samantha Schoech, former magazine editor and Houzz contributor said. "At worst, it's inoffensive. At best, it's elegant, clean, simple, and beautiful." The same goes for your kitchen. <u>Southern Living</u> urges homeowners to "enjoy the simple elegance" of white kitchens.

Regardless of how you prefer to design and decorate, choosing white stone for your home is a choice you can make confidently. After all, classy never goes out of style.

For more inspiration, look at Houzz's <u>collection</u> of white stone kitchen and bathroom countertop photos, or read over HGTV's <u>design tips</u> on decorating with white. In addition, check out celebrity kitchens and bathrooms that feature white stone: <u>Courteney Cox</u>, <u>Cameron</u> <u>Diaz</u>, <u>Jennifer Lopez</u>, <u>Tom Brady</u>, <u>Kate Walsh</u>, <u>Julianne Moore</u>, and <u>Tory Burch</u>.