



The Shape of Sinks to Come

Today, kitchen sinks come in all shapes and sizes – round, square, rectangle and oval. The newest variant on the scene is the trough sink, now gaining favor for bar and prep areas. The long and short of it is there's variety here too. Native Trails, the California-based producer of handcrafted copper sinks, now offers sinks that stretch more than four feet, like the Rio Grande as well as one-of-a-kind designs like the crescent-shaped Luna.

If you've ever tried to work at a sink with more than one person, you know how crowded a conventional square or rectangular sink space can get. The Rio Grande solves that problem. Stretching 50" long, but just 11" wide, with a gentle slope from 2.75" deep to 5.75", the Rio offers plenty of room to gather around. The shallow depth makes the Rio double as a handy – and attractive – way to serve food and drinks on ice in an island installation. For an even tighter squeeze, the Rio Chico measures 30" long and 11" wide with a depth of 3.25" to 5.25". Both the Rio Grande and Rio Chico, like all Native Trails sinks, are artisan crafted of hand-hammered copper. Finishes available are the classic Antique and the stunning Brushed Nickel. Prices are \$2,745 for the Rio Grande and \$1,818 for the Rio Chico in Brushed Nickel. \$2,088 and \$1,448, respectively, in Antique.

Native Trails throws a curve into the kitchen with its innovative Luna sink. Instead of working to the side of the sink, the arched shape creates a prep space front and center. A drain at each end of the arc adds plenty of utility and convenience. The Luna is common sense design with uncommon beauty. "The shape is really fun, but functional too, and the living finish quality of copper certainly makes this a work of art for the kitchen," says Dianne Pieper, an interior designer in Denver. The sink measures 38" at its widest point, and the trough is 6" wide by 6" deep. Available finishes are Antique (\$1,898) and Brushed Nickel (\$2,598).

Native Trails sinks and tubs are available at top kitchen and bath showrooms in the US and Canada. For information please visit www.nativetrails.net; for local availability call 800.786.0862.

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