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Second Life. Made from 16-gauge recycled copper, Elkay's hammered sinks feature a burnished finish that darkens over time. Warn your clients that copper requires a little extra maintenance: Elkay recommends rinsing and drying the basins after each use. The *Antique Copper Hammered* line contains 11 styles, including the 33-inch-by-22-inch double-bowl apron-front model shown, which retails for \$3,086.

Elkay, 630/572-3192, www.elkayusa.com.

Stow It. In a small kitchen without an inch of counter space to spare, where does the homeowner stash pot scrubbers, vegetable brushes, and other clean-up supplies? Julien's *Classic Collection* undermount sink has two tilt-out drawers, one on each side. At 24 inches wide and 18 inches deep, the 16-gauge stainless steel fixture is smaller than a standard kitchen basin, but it's a good 10 inches deep. It costs \$2,480.

Julien, 800/461-3377, www.julien.ca.



Work Station. Blanco's two-bowl *Platinum Series Blancoaxis* maximizes efficiency by incorporating a drain board (on either the right or the left), a colander, and a sliding cutting board made of safety glass. The 18-gauge stainless-steel drop-in fixture measures 39³/₈ inches by 20¹/₁₆ inches; its 7-inch-deep main bowl is 13³/₈ inches by 16¹/₂ inches. It costs \$1,098.

Blanco, 800/451-5782, www.blancoamerica.com.

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Neck Deep. Americh's *Contura* cast acrylic tub comes with or without an air-jet system. The freestanding unit is 6 feet long, 32 inches wide, and 28 inches high; inside depth is 22 inches. It can hold 60 gallons of water and comes in five finishes. With air jets, it costs \$6,750; without, \$4,750.

Americh, 800/453-1463, www.americh.com.



Around the Bend. Neptune's molded acrylic *Wind* tub is designed for an easy corner installation and measures 60 inches by 36 inches by 20 inches — large enough to accommodate two bathers, according to the maker. It can be dressed up with air or whirlpool jets, or even a mood lighting system and surround sound. It lists for \$1,200.

Neptune, 450/773-7058, www.neptuneb.com.