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Best of Both Worlds

This designer/engineer favors products that work well and look great

STRIKING A BALANCE between form and function is a prime criterion for Jamie Ivey, founder of Virginia-based Ivey Design Group. With degrees in industrial engineering and interior design, she has both the analytical and creative skills needed to successfully navigate the interior design of the diverse projects her firm tackles, from country homes and city dwellings to restaurants and custom yachts.

1. The **Litze Kitchen Faucet** by **Brizo** can be used in many different styles of homes. I personally love the knurled options for both the handle and the pull-out spray, meaning fingerprints don't show. It's a great-looking and great-functioning faucet that doesn't break the bank. *Photo credit: Brizo*

2. I saw this **SKS Induction Cooktop** put to the test at their showroom in Napa, and this thing can heat up a large pot of cold water so much more quickly than a gas stove! But the best part is that it's perfectly flush with the countertop, giving a seamless look. *Photo credit: SKS*

3. Nothing beats a **Sub-Zero** in terms of keeping your food fresh, the customer service is great, it's American manufactured, and the products last forever. **The Designer Series** means the fridge doesn't have to dominate the kitchen; because it can be paneled, it can blend seamlessly with the cabinetry. Using appliance pulls that coordinate with cabinetry hardware creates a cohesive look. *Photo credit: Sub-Zero*

4. I recently discovered **Classic Brass cabinet hardware**. I love their designs; they pair well in both modern and traditional homes. Made in America, they have endless options, and you can feel the quality when holding the pieces. *Photo credit: Classic Brass*

5. The **Stagg EKG Electric Kettle** is a great example of the perfect blend of function and form. This can be beautifully displayed on your counter, with the walnut handle and different color options. It's so easy to use, and the turn dial for temperature means you get precise control. I use mine every day! *Photo credit: Fellow Products*

6. I pair the kettle with this beauty – the **Chemex Classic Pour Over** – that sits on our kitchen shelf. It's super easy to use, makes coffee less bitter tasting, and there are no hidden parts so you can see how clean it is (big coffee machines with their moist, dark interiors kind of freak me out!). It's a classic for a reason. *Photo credit: Chemex*

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