

RIDGEFIELD GLASS

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HOLIDAY SPARKLE ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE! -CLEAR, COLORED, PRIVACY GLASS ENHANCE YOUR HOME THIS SEASON-

(RIDGEFIELD, CT) – Most of us like to spruce up our homes for the holidays, and Ridgefield Glass, one of the region’s largest custom glass retailer, is leading one of the most popular home improvements this season: glass enhancements in creative applications for bathrooms and kitchens, the hub of holiday entertaining.

“Glass accents command your attention by creating a dramatic look, while offering sleek and sturdy functionality.” said John Petchonka, co-owner of Ridgefield Glass. “For a cost-effective investment, glass can reinvent a mundane interior into an elegant space and has also been used to upgrade some of the region’s most historic homes.”

Specifically, the local glass company has introduced three glass variations- clear, colored and privacy glass- in both the bathroom and kitchen and discusses some popular glass design trends for each room below:

Clear Glass in the Bathroom: frameless glass shower enclosure, installed without clips, wall channel or headers, gives you a clean, uncluttered view into your shower. Some factors to consider include:

- *Thickness of the Glass.* While most frameless shower enclosures use 3/8 inch glass, ultra frameless designs use only 1/2 inch for all fixed panels to produce a sleek, elegant look, without the visual distraction of clips, wall channel or headers.
- *The Type of Glass* used depends upon your bathroom décor. The most popular choices are clear, which actually has a slight green tint, or Low Iron glass (known as Starphire), which is virtually as clear as water. Keep in mind that a wide variety of art glass may also be used to enhance your shower retreat.
- *Location of Body Sprays and Shower Heads* to ensure an ergonomically-designed glass shower enclosure.
- *Maintenance and Cleaning.* ClearShield, a special glass coating, enables water to simply bead off for easy cleaning.
- *Extra Amenities,* like glass shelves, can be added and adhered with silicone to complement and complete this beautiful, modern look.

Colored Glass in the Bathroom: the transformation of your bathroom can include painting shower glass walls with any pattern or color; colored glass countertops create a crisp, clean surface area for all bathroom toiletries and necessities with maximum reflective capacity.

Privacy Glass in the Bathroom: Used on windows in strategic areas, privacy glass still floods the room with light, while offering privacy to those inside with the flick of a switch. Privacy glass uses a liquid crystal sheet that is permanently bonded between two layers of glass that allows an instant transformation between clear and translucent appearance.

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For newer kitchen applications, Ridgefield Glass notes:

Clear Glass in the Kitchen: Clear glass kitchen tabletops can be customized to almost any size and are offered in several edge styles.

Colored Glass in the Kitchen: Custom designed glass countertops infused with color reflect your artistic flair in the kitchen. They have an amazing high-end appearance that is very distinct from common materials, such as granite. As with any countertop material, glass can scratch, but the texture underneath masks common wear and allows scratches to go unnoticed, especially when using a variety of vibrant colors. Its 1-1/2" thickness can handle high temperatures and can be cleaned with any standard glass-cleaning product.

Founded in 1974, Ridgefield Glass is the exclusive provider of ultra frameless shower doors and bathroom enclosures in Connecticut. Besides its full-service, custom design glass department, the retailer offers the most modern applications in mirrors, insulated and commercial glass for both the residential and business market. For further information, visit www.ridgefieldglass.com or call 203.438.3105.

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