

# Plumbing pinups

Who says plumbing can't be sexy?  
We asked area stores that sell sinks and faucets to pick some of their favorites.



## Tai Chi Widespread lavatory faucet

**Manufacturer:** Fusion

**Material:** Median bronze finish; solid brass with ceramic disc cartridge

**What makes it special:** Tai Chi products are individually hand cast in their own mold

**Price:** \$549

**Dealer:** Divine Kitchens, 40 Lyman St., Westborough; 508 366-5670 or [www.divinekitchens.com](http://www.divinekitchens.com)



## Lulu faucet

**Manufacturer:** Dornbracht

**Material:** Polished chrome finish; solid brass with ceramic disc cartridge

**What makes it special:** hard to manufacture something so sleek and flat

**Price:** \$1,079 for vessel height version (Agape bowl not included); \$981 for installation with regular sink

**Dealer:** Splash Showroom, 244 Needham St., Newton; 617 332-6662 or [www.splashspritzo.com](http://www.splashspritzo.com)



## Taylor Oval Sink (Bearded Iris pattern)

**Manufacturer:** MacKenzie-Childs

**Material:** Handmade, hand-painted majolica (drain hardware not included)

**What makes it special:** No two sinks are exactly alike

**Dimensions:** 16.5 inches long,

14 inches wide, 5 inches deep

**Price:** \$250 (also in honeymoon and fish patterns ranging up to \$350)

**Dealer:** Cachet Wellesley, 16 Church St., Wellesley; 781 237-5516

## Pencil Neck Bridge Faucet

**Manufacturer:** DEA Bathroom Machineries

**Material:** Oil rubbed bronze finish; solid brass

**What makes it special:** Retrofits most old-style sinks

**Price:** \$219 plus shipping

**Dealer:** Trethewey Brothers, 4280 Washington St., Roslindale; 617 325-3283 or [www.tbros.com](http://www.tbros.com)



Photo by Dea Bathroom Machineries

## KWC Systema

**Manufacturer:** KWC America

**Material:** Chrome finish; solid brass with ceramic disc cartridge

**What makes it special:** Adjustable temperature and flow rate; side lever mixer with swivel spout and pull-down pre-rinse spray

**Price (suggested retail):** \$1,852 for all chrome (as shown); \$2,594 for stainless-steel finish

**Dealer:** Jarvis Appliance, 958 Worcester Rd. (Route 9), Wellesley; 781 235-5112 or [www.jarvisapplianceinc.com](http://www.jarvisapplianceinc.com)



## 43 Main Street Artisans

Where: 43 Main St., 2nd floor, Natick. [www.fuzejewelrystudio.net](http://www.fuzejewelrystudio.net)

What it is: A group of artisans in Natick Center who specialize in contemporary and classic jewelry, glass beads and framing

■ **Heather Skowood:** The 35-year-old Worcester resident designs and makes custom contemporary jewelry in silver, gold and platinum. She studied sculpture at the Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia, and then worked on her craft in England for five years.

**Check out:** Her new Fluff Collection of pebble rings made of sterling silver and acrylic pom poms; a 10mm ring and hand ornament shaped like an hourglass.

**Target market:** Young professionals, mostly women.

**Price range:** \$20–\$900

**Contact:** 774 535-6640 or [www.heatherskowood.com](http://www.heatherskowood.com)

■ **Liliana Cirstea Glenn:** The 36-year-old West Natick glass bead and jewelry maker was born in Moldova and moved to Boston in 1992. She got her start when she couldn't afford jewelry for her wedding. Cirstea Glenn has studied flame-working since 2001.

**Check out:** Jewelry made from tiny berry-shaped glass beads; aromatherapy vials with custom fragrances for necklaces.

**Target market:** Mostly women, all ages

**Price range:** \$22–\$88

**Contact:** 617 821-2964 or [www.lilianabead.com](http://www.lilianabead.com)

Glass beads  
by Liliana Cirstea Glenn



■ **John Holz:** The 64-year-old Natick resident first learned silver making in summer camp while he was in junior high. He has sold his Danish Modern and Art Deco jewelry since 1996 under the name Stinson Brook Designs.

**Check out:** Spock (as in *Star Trek*) pointed earrings that cover most of a woman's ear; Key to My Heart necklace; ring for holding eyeglasses that can be pinned to a shirt.

**Target market:** Women, ages 20 and up

**Price range:** \$50 and up

**Contact:** 617 823-1776



Spock earrings  
by John Holz

■ **Kristina Barragan:** The 44-year-old Natick resident founded Imagine This Custom Framing and Art Gallery three years ago. Barragan was inspired by her artist father and makes a point of promoting local artists in her gallery.

**Frame it:** Artwork, diplomas, needlework, jerseys and sports memorabilia.

**Extras:** She sells art prints and jewelry.

**Price range:** \$50–\$500

**Contact:** [www.imaginethiscustomframing.com](http://www.imaginethiscustomframing.com) or 508 245-6856

Wedding adornments  
by Heather Skowood

– Elizabeth Flock

