

# Sink Solutions

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A slightly larger than normal sink at 39 inches, Julien's Classic 3365 offers an incredibly efficient sink to handle the largest of cookware.

**T**HINKING OF A NEW KITCHEN SINK? Think stainless steel. According to Eric Nelson, owner of SplashWorks in San Jose, stainless steel provides many advantages over other materials. But not just any stainless steel sink will do.

SplashWorks offers a wide array of 16-gauge, commercial-grade stainless steel sinks for the home that are manufactured by Julien. The Julien line is distinctive for many reasons. First, Julien uses 16-gauge stainless steel, which is 25 percent thicker than the standard 18-gauge steel found from most other stainless steel manufacturers. Second, all of Julien's sinks are welded and polished by hand, and made from 90 percent recycled stainless steel, making them environmentally friendly.

In addition, Julien sinks are as versatile as they are beautiful, with features such as built-in tilt-out drawers to hide brushes and sponges, built-in knife and utensil holders, and drain boards. The sinks also come with numerous accessories such as racks, colanders, and cutting boards.



Built-in drawers to hide brushes or sponges are one of the many custom innovations that Julien sinks offer.

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"Stainless steel is the most durable material you can get. It is resistant to stains and bacteria. It is easy to clean, and the Julien sinks come with a lifetime guarantee," Eric explains.

Stainless steel also works with any décor, from traditional to contemporary. "Most people are getting stainless steel appliances these days, and these sinks will match their refrigerators and ranges, which are usually made from 16-gauge stainless steel as well," says Eric. SplashWorks can also work directly with Julien to design and build a custom sink to meet your specific size and style.

For those homeowners who want to explore other sink options, SplashWorks offers a wide selection of brands and materials: Blanco, Elkay, Franke, and Oliveri offer other stainless options; Franke and Rohl carry fireclay sinks; HP Austin, Native Trails, and Stone Forest supply copper sinks; and American Standard and Kohler provide the standard porcelain sinks.

SplashWorks offers more than "just the kitchen sink." The company features dozens of faucets, accessories, refrigerator pulls, and a full array of cabinet hardware to complete every aspect of your kitchen. The 3,500-square-foot showroom is a kitchen and bath gallery for mid- to high-end plumbing fixtures. The six-person sales staff is friendly and very knowledgeable, with 75 years of experience between them. In addition, the gallery staff has earned the prestigious Diamond Certified award for the third consecutive year for highest in customer satisfaction.

With its huge selection, including a number of exclusive products, Splashworks is sure to have the perfect match for your kitchen or bath.

SplashWorks is located at 1284 Lincoln Avenue, in the Willow Glen area of San Jose. For more information, call (408) 279-5202 or visit [www.splashworkskb.com](http://www.splashworkskb.com). **THM**

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