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Tap into a kitchen focal point, says Carmel Siciliano

Are you thinking a kitchen tap is a tap so why spend the money? Then think again! The humble kitchen tap is a focal point with the growing trend of galley kitchens as the central hub of a home.

The "tap" is one of the most frequently used items in the kitchen, creating a need to acquire the best functioning and fashionable design. Flaunting glamour and setting trends, kitchen taps are fast stepping up the ladder of designer household items. From conventional high profile designs to minimalist designs, when fitted with affinities and accuracy these grab the attention of the viewer.

Modern taps with matt finish and machinist structure prove to be something unlike run-of-the-mill and yet convey convenience. Of course the higher the designer value also inflates the price

of this basic gadget. But if you want the best for your kitchen centrale, then a little high on the pocket needs to be welcomed.

It is the old design saying that we are faced with again; design versus function. The kitchen tap not only has to function well but in our emerging design conscious environment, it needs to also look good!

Paco Jaanson (www.pacojaanson.com.au) has once again achieved this with the launch of their new and sexy Toyo Ito collection. Hailed as one of the world's most innovative and influential architects, Toyo Ito has a design philosophy which fuses both the physical and virtual worlds into a fictional and lively space. The Toyo Ito Collection is still to arrive in Australia, however it can be ordered through Routleys Plumbing Innovations (337 Unley Rd, Malvern 8373 5444).

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Bird-like appearance Paco Jaanson's Toyo Ito range also includes smaller bathroom taps POA. Routleys Plumbing Innovations, 337 Unley Rd, Malvern 8373 5444.

