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Functionality and water efficiency are important in every kitchen but that does not mean having to settle for a standard tap design. In fact, adding a touch of glamour to the kitchen sink is easy given the range of innovative and eye-catching taps now available.

According to leading tapware specialist Tradelink, flexibility, versatility and excellent water savings make the new pull-out spray mixer taps a great choice for kitchens.

Tradelink reports an increased demand for these taps, including the Torino Multifunction and Torino Gooseneck, both from Raymor, which use just six litres of water per minute at maximum flow and provide water exactly where it is needed.

While mixers are basically intended to combine hot and cold water, tapware manufacturer Kohler's product marketing manager Kevin Hammond

says they are becoming very design oriented and are often used as feature pieces in kitchens.

"We are also starting to see integrated filter and kitchen pre-rinse taps becoming increasingly popular," he says.

Kevin says most households spend somewhere between \$100 and \$2000 when selecting a kitchen tap and most buyers are going for a minimalist or contemporary design element.

Others, however, want a traditional look or are after a tap that fits into a unique space or creates an inspiring feature piece.

Kevin says Australians have been quick to take a responsible approach to water efficiency.

"For kitchen taps, a Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) four-star rating would be the most popular choice," he says.

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Featuring a solid brass spout and easy-to-use mixer design, the Misty sink mixer is an affordable but stylish option. With a WELS four-star rating, it uses 7.5 litres of water per minute. **Misty sink mixer** \$49.96, from Bunnings, bunnings.com.au



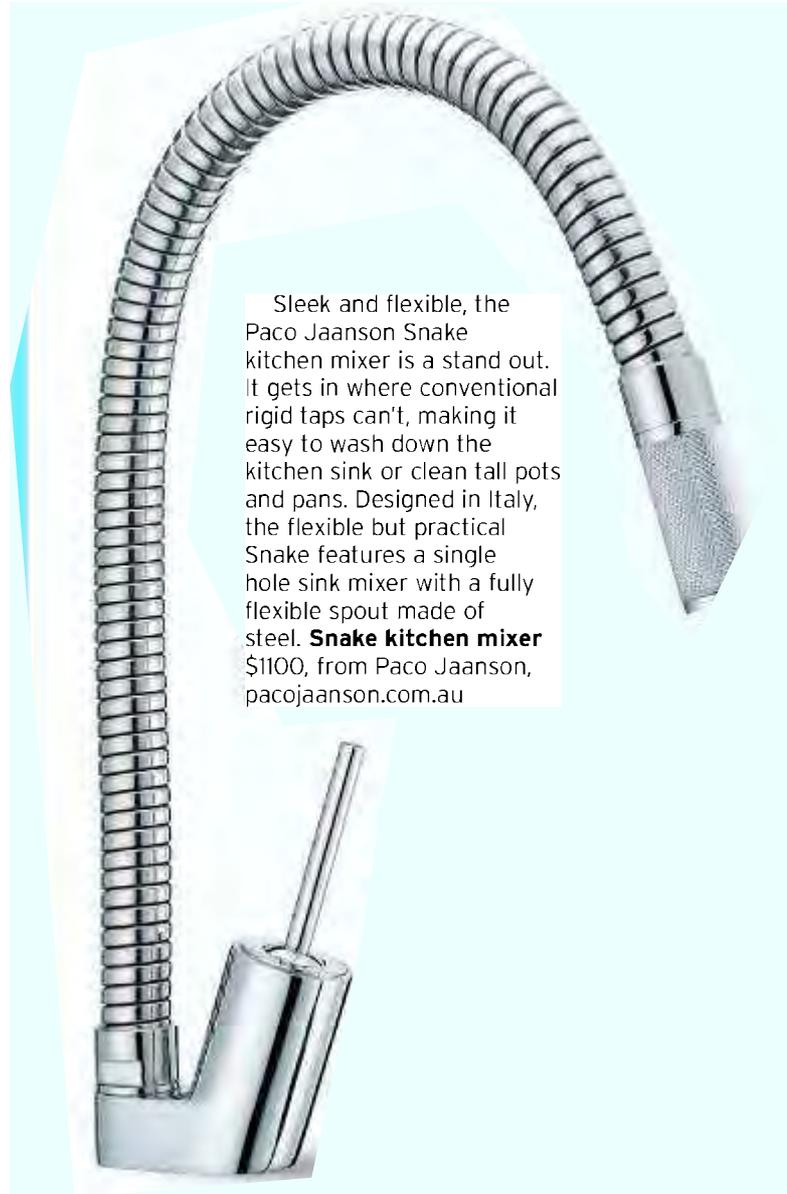
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Perfect for the modern kitchen, the Zemu Sink Mixer features a long neck and contemporary handle design. It has a stylish chrome finish and comes with a four-star WELS rating. **Zemu Sink Mixer** \$179, from Mitre 10, mitre10.com.au

With its striking lines, the Phoenix Kubus is the perfect addition to a modern kitchen. The Kubus sink mixer is WELS five-star rated and uses six litres of water per minute. **Phoenix Kubus sink mixer** \$549, from Reece, reece.com.au



This sophisticated modern European design is sure to turn heads in the kitchen. The Kohler Wave is of solid brass construction, has a four-star WELS rating and uses 7.3 litres of water per minute. **Kohler Wave Kitchen Mixer** \$529, kohler.com.au, or tradelink.com.au



Sleek and flexible, the Paco Jaanson Snake kitchen mixer is a stand out. It gets in where conventional rigid taps can't, making it easy to wash down the kitchen sink or clean tall pots and pans. Designed in Italy, the flexible but practical Snake features a single hole sink mixer with a fully flexible spout made of steel. **Snake kitchen mixer** \$1100, from Paco Jaanson, pacojaanson.com.au





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Offering increased efficiency by delivering water exactly where it is required, the Torino Gooseneck has a traditional curved shape, with the extendable spray mixer concealed in the end of the spout. It offers a range of movement as well as a five-star WELS rating. **Raymor Torino Gooseneck** \$329, from Raymor, tradelink.com.au

Part of the Mitre 10 Passau range, the Vegie Spray Sink Mixer offers distinctive design at an affordable price. With minimalist styling, this mixer has a flexible and retractable pull-out spray, perfect for rinsing. This tap has a stylish chrome finish. **Passau Sink Mixer (Vegie Spray)** \$220, from Mitre 10, mitre10.com.au