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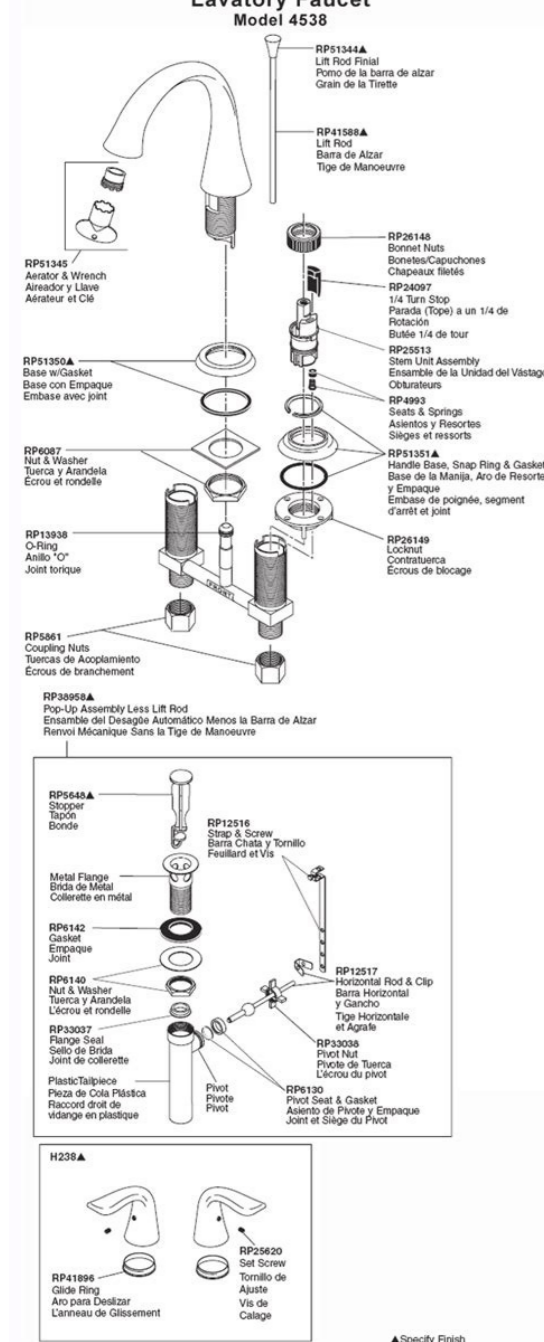
Parts of a bathroom sink drain assembly. What are the parts of a bathroom faucet called. What are the parts of a bathroom sink called. Parts of a faucet drain.

Not everyone speaks plumbing. To make things more complicated, some plumbing component names are not self-explanatory at all. If you have to buy a part, look something up, or call a plumber, it will be easier if you know the names of the parts involved. The bathroom sink, for example, has several basic parts that can break, leak or become blocked. All of these are widely available and easy to replace, if necessary. But you need to know what to ask for when shopping for parts. The shutoff valves are the small valves (usually metal but sometimes plastic) located between the incoming water supply pipes and the supply hoses or tubes that connect to the tailpieces on the sink faucet. Most have an oval, football-shaped handle that you turn to open or close the valve. Also called stop valves, shutoff valves allow you to turn off the water supply at the sink, rather than shutting off the water to the whole house. They are seen in pairs: one valve controls the hot water; the other controls the cold water. Many shutoff valves use compression fittings, so they can be installed onto the water pipes without soldering. But you will have to turn off the water to the house to replace a shutoff valve. The Spruce / Kevin Norris From the sink faucet tailpieces down to the shutoff valves, you will usually see a pair of narrow supply tubes. They can be made of braided wire mesh, plastic mesh (usually white), solid plastic (often gray), or chromed copper. They are usually connected to the tailpieces and shutoff valves with attached nuts. These supply tubes sometimes fail, and it's not uncommon to have to replace them. The Spruce / Kevin Norris The tailpiece, or sink tailpiece, is the straight section of pipe that connects to the bottom of the sink drain fitting. If the sink has a pop-up drain, the lever rod of the drain assembly connects to a port on the back of the tailpiece. Typically, the tailpiece attaches to the drain fitting with a slip nut: a threaded ring that can be tightened and loosened by hand (or with gentle persuasion from channel-type pliers). Underneath the nut is a tapered plastic washer that creates a watertight seal. Slip-nut joints are doubly helpful because, if you ever drop an item into the sink drain, you can disassemble the slip-nut joint to retrieve your item. The Spruce / Kevin Norris The P-trap is made up of two parts: the U-bend (3a) and the trap arm (3b). These two curved sections of pipe allow your sink to be connected, ultimately, to the sewer line. The curved trap is a simple safety feature that holds standing water, which prevents sewer gasses from rising up and out of your sink drain. The bottom of the U-bend remains filled with water so that gasses can't pass through. Each time you run water down the drain, the old water in the bend is flushed out and is replaced with new water. The P-trap parts are assembled with slip-nut joints, although in some older houses you may see solvent-glued traps. If you have one of these, it's a good idea to replace with a trap that can be disassembled, such as a slip-nut joint. The Spruce / Kevin Norris The sink drain pipe is connected to the household plumbing system. It connects to the trap arm with yet another slip-nut joint. (Slip nuts are what make sink plumbing repairs so easy.) Most drainpipes for bathroom sinks are three inches in diameter, although they can be smaller or larger. The Spruce / Kevin Norris If part of a faucet breaks, the whole structure can experience issues. Unless you're a plumber, there's a slim chance you'll be familiar with all parts of a faucet. However, there are several standard components among all models. Learning about their purpose will give you a clear idea of what each of them does. Aerator/Indoor faucets usually have aerators at the tip. This small but valuable part consists of a mesh responsible for the consistent water flow. Since it controls water pressure, it reduces water splashing in the sink. Moreover, the mesh gathers small water particles and softens the flowing water. Such water is healthier for the skin and tastes better. Spout The spout is the opening on the faucet through which water flows last. Spouts vary in design, making each suitable for different needs. For example, a straight spout is long and practical in design. On the other hand, a gooseneck design is easily distinguishable by its rounded spout. As such, it's great when you need to fill the coffee pot with water. Although these are the most common types, there are other models available, too. It's up to homeowners to choose the design they like the most. Handle The part of the faucet everybody knows is the handle.

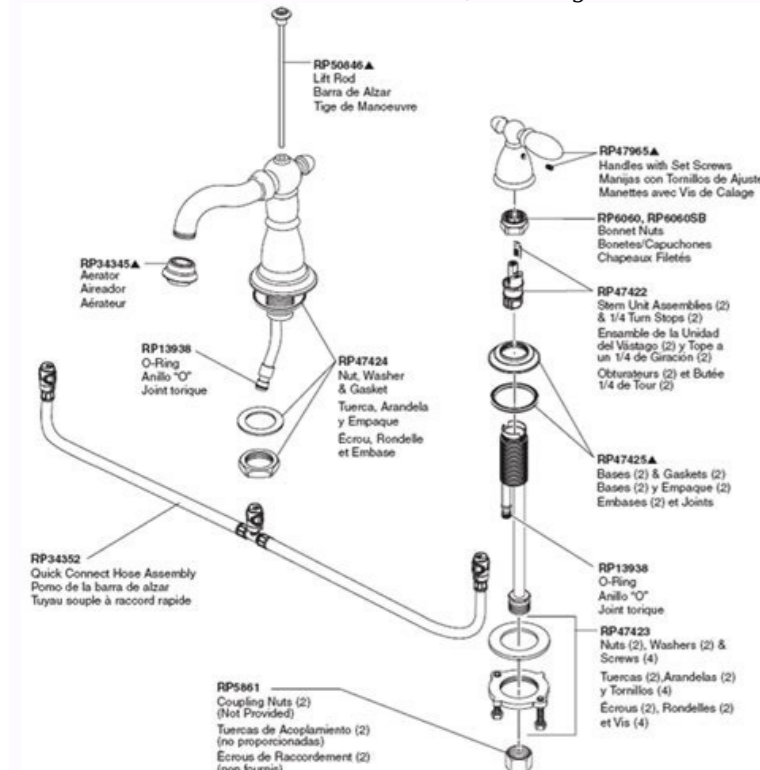


There are two types of handles: the single handle or the double handle. The single handle is a more common option for a kitchen. Move the handle sideways, and the water will flow. Managing the double handle requires a bit more effort. Both handles need to be adjusted for the water to flow at the right temperature. They also look more elegant and timeless. Mount A faucet usually has to sit on something. A deck mount is the part between the sink and the faucet on which the faucet is placed. Although it's possible to mount the faucet to a wall, doing so might cause pipes to freeze in cold climates. Body The faucet body is where water stays before going out. Although there are three types, their purpose is the same - to store the hot and cold water. The single-hole body is standard on single or two-handle faucets. It contains valves inside where hot and cold water are mixed. The unique bridge body has a longer pipe connecting the two valves and storing mixed water before it goes through the spout. Such bodies are rare these days. Finally, the widespread body looks similar to the bridge design but without the long visible pipe. Instead, it has a pipe hidden under the sink, two side holes, and one hole in the middle. Like with the bridge body, the pipe houses the hot and cold water. Valve Valves control the water flow and temperature. Modern models are cartridge-like, so replacing them is relatively easy. The best type of valve will have a ceramic disc, making it durable and less prone to leaking. No Worries Rooter of Gilbert offers residential and commercial drain cleaning, leak detection and repair.

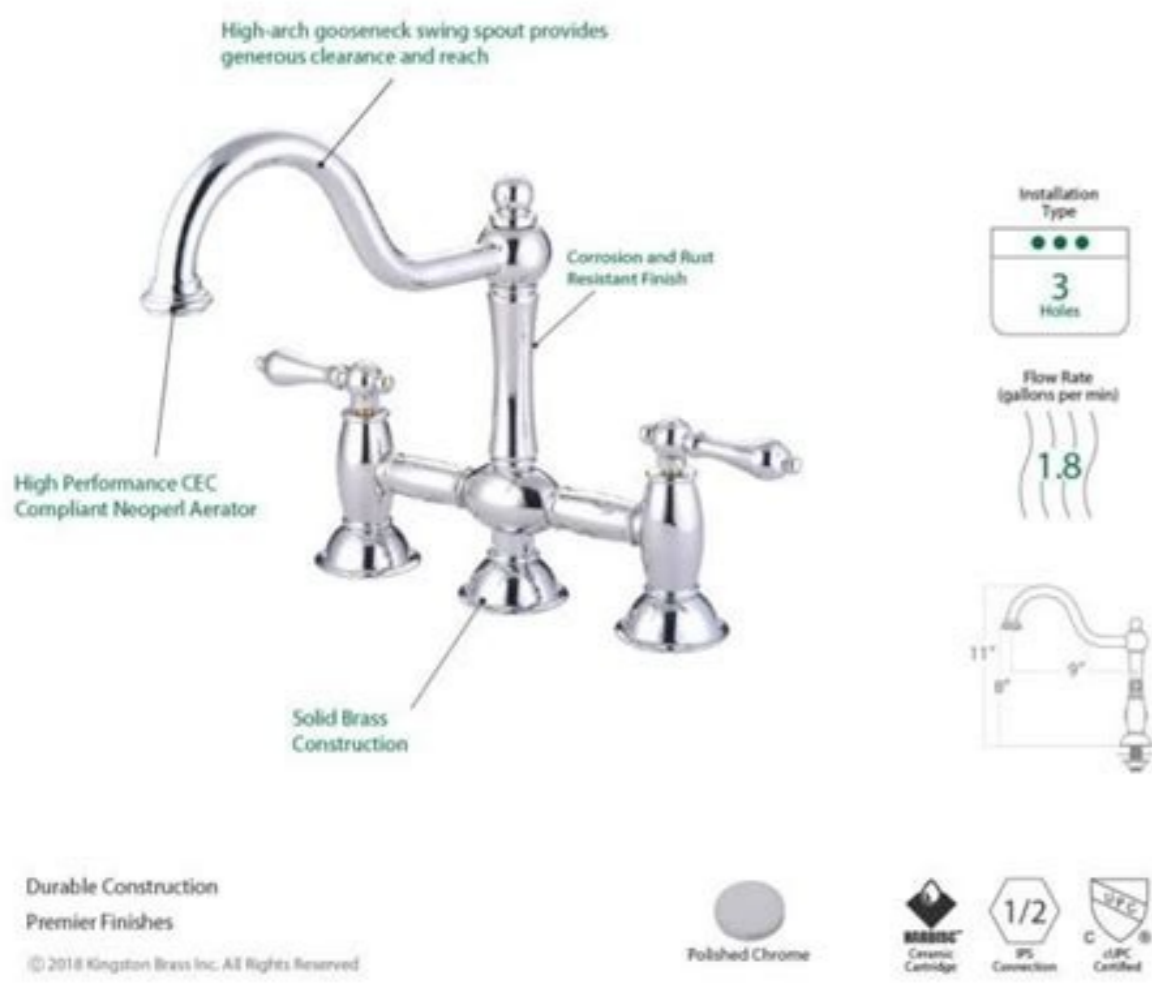
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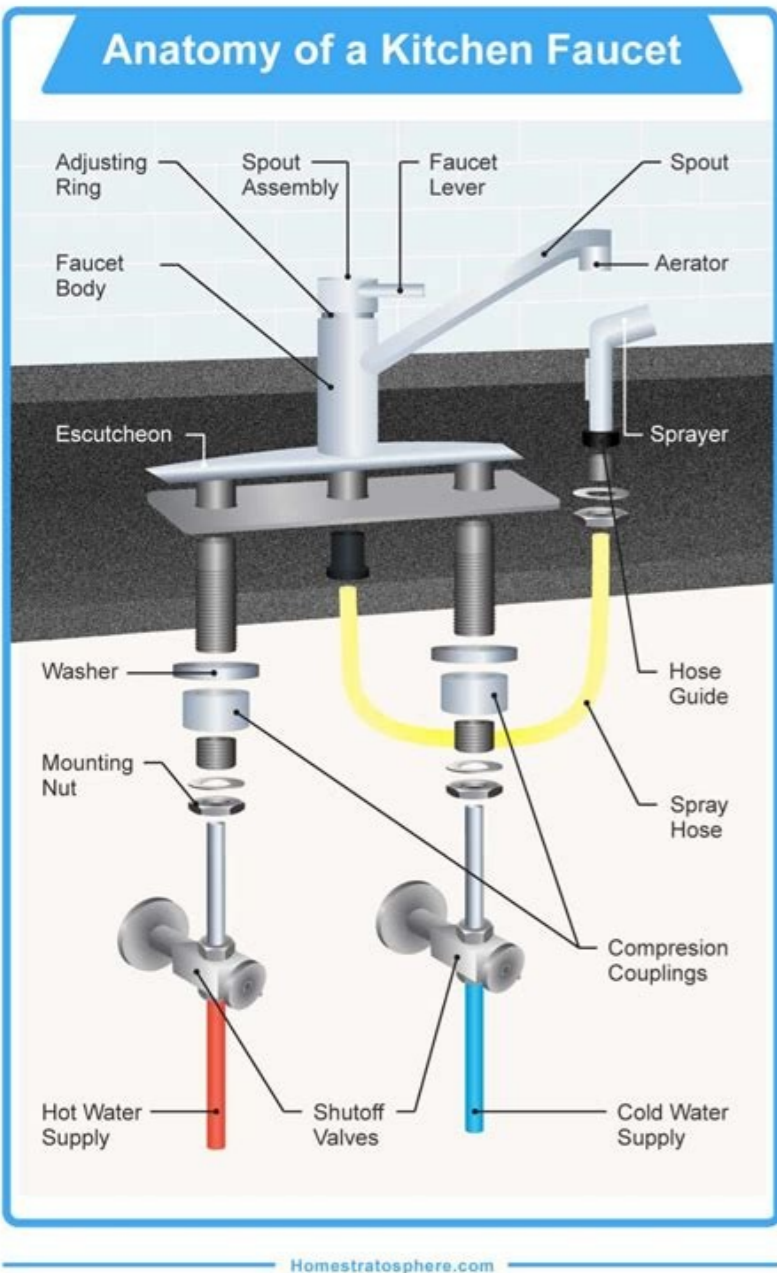
We recommend Bio-Green drain care for customers who have slow drains caused by buildup in their pipes. Call us at (480) 405-4497. For anyone entertaining company, making your guests feel welcome is a top priority. One way to ensure your guests feel welcome is to have a comforting appeal to your bathroom. Sink faucets certainly help to add a lasting impression on your guest's memory as it is the last thing they notice before leaving your bathroom, so it is important to make a good impression. What are the different parts of the common faucet? The common faucet comes in a wide variety of parts including different washers that hold it together, but the primary parts are listed below: Faucet - The primary piece of your faucet, it is where water comes out from depending on it's position in your sink. It is also the most notable part of your sink Handles - Turns the water on/off. Valve - Controls the hot/cold aspects of your water, similar to the handles, but is completely internal, depending on the type of Valve you might also have a cartridge as well. Cartridge - The cartridge regulates water flow and temperature before it comes into contact with the valve, helping you control your water before you turn the handle. With faucets, the type of valve you choose greatly affects the type of faucet that is produced and it's overall water flow. Valves come in four primary types: Compression, Ball, Cartridge and Ceramic Disc Compression Faucets that have compression valves are the type that you may find the most commonly around your bathroom and older bathrooms you may encounter as they have been around since the advent of plumbing. Cheap and relatively inexpensive, these faucets are unfortunately prone to leaks and will require occasional maintenance. What is a Compression Faucet? A compression faucet is a faucet with individual hot and cold handles, which allows for the valves to control the flow of water by means of a feature in the handle that compresses the water seal through a rubber washer, which ultimately means you can turn the water on and off depending on you loosening the washer or tightening it. Handle Type Compression faucets have a double handle system How expensive are they? Compression valves are perhaps the cheapest of the four valve types Ease of Repair Since this sink valve type is very simple, repairing it is a matter of just replacing the valve and washer and ensuring that the washers are secure, making this the easiest sink type to repair. Ball Faucet Found commonly in kitchen sinks and are among the first type to be completely washerless, ball faucets are identifiable by their single handle at the top which can move over a round ball shaped cap at the base of the faucet spout. What is a Ball Faucet? As stated previously, a ball faucet is a washerless faucet that has a single handle that controls a special plastic or metal ball inside the faucet body. This ball has chambers or slots in it, allowing hot and cold water through the spout.



Moving the handle changes the position of these slots, allowing you to regulate flow. Handle Type Ball faucets utilize a single handle type at the top of their design How expensive are they? Since these sinks tend to have a few more parts than a compression sink, they tend to be a bit more expensive, especially since these faucets tend to leak more often than other washerless faucets Ease of Repair As discussed before, ball faucets have a bit more moving parts to it, literally, so they are a bit more complicated to repair. They require specialized tools and specific plumbing knowledge to ensure that the ball is placed properly and works with the system, making this type of faucet more difficult to repair Cartridge Faucet Very similar to compression faucets in appearance, cartridge faucets are a culmination of both a newer concept and an older ideal, resulting in an extremely durable faucet. What is a Cartridge Faucet? A Cartridge Faucet is a faucet that uses a movable stem cartridge to regulate water flow. Movement of the faucet handle moves the sleeves of the cartridge, aligning and blocking holes to help control the supply of water.



So while it may appear very similar to a compression faucet, the cartridge action makes the handles of the faucet much smoother and easier to turn, unlike that of a compression sink. Handle Type Cartridge sinks come in both single and double faucet varieties, as the cartridge can be made to fit any handle type. How Expensive are they? While outwardly a bit more pricey compared to both ball and compression sinks, cartridge sinks are among the most durable of the types, meaning that it can easily stand the test of time without problems, making it quite worth the investment long term. Ease of Repair Since flow is controlled by a water cartridge, the leaks and problems will always stem from the cartridge seals wearing out. Repairing a cartridge faucet is similar to any other faucet, making it a very straightforward process as you simply need to replace the cartridge and you don't have to worry about other systems such as in replacing a ball faucet. Ceramic Disc Faucet With compression sinks being a much older form of technology, ceramic discs represent a more modern approach to faucet technology. What is a Ceramic Disc faucet? A ceramic disc faucet is a faucet that consists of both a wide cylindrical body and a single lever. Inside, it contains a wide cartridge housing unit with two ceramic discs that slide over one another to control water flow and temperature. The motion of the two discs controls the water volume by either opening or restricting the pathway of the water. Handle Type Ceramic disc faucets utilize a single handle How Expensive are they? Ceramic discs are considered to be the highest quality of sink faucet, and as such are very reliable, meaning they do not need to be repaired often due to the method of how water flows in their system.



However, high durability and quality does not come cheap, and as a result, this sink type is perhaps the most expensive of the four discussed today. Ease of Repair The discs used in these sinks are typically ceramic, meaning they will last for quite some time before wearing out, meaning that maintenance will be minimal over time, however, over time the rubber seals at the bottom of the cartridge might be fouled from water mineral deposits. So in these instances it is best to clean and replace the seal, which is a similar process to repairing a compression or cartridge sink. Sinks come in a wide variety of styles, each with their own positives and negatives, but as in the case of bathtubs, always remember that while an initial investment might seem steep, higher quality will always be more worthwhile in the end. Finishes An important element of any bathroom faucet is its finish. The finish not only protects the material of the faucet but also wraps the faucet in an appropriate material that stands out and separates your sink from any others. Nickel, Stainless Steel, and Chrome are neutral colors that pair well with any bathroom aesthetic, either classic or modern. Brass, Copper, Bronze-These alloys have similar color hues and pair well with modern designs aesthetics. These finishes contrast well with darker colors such as black, grey, brown, or colors such as orange and red to create a striking contrast. Black and White-Classic finishes, black and white work well with modern and classic bathroom color schemes respectively. However, matching color schemes are not popular at the moment and people want contrasting color schemes, so black finishes with white and bright backgrounds and white finishes in dark and cooler color environments. Special Features Bathroom faucets have a wide range of special features to add additional functionality for a more enjoyable experience. ADA Compliant-Faucets that comply with ADA or Americans with Disabilities Act are made with these individuals in mind. They are easily accessible and are more straightforward to use. Commercial-Commercial grade faucets are designed to handle a high volume of users without breaking down so their construction is more heavy duty. Low-Flow Faucets-Low-flow faucets are designed to be eco-friendly and highly sustainable, using less than 2.2 gallons of water per minute. Flow-restriction devices are placed to limit water use and control the overall flow of the water. Waterfall Faucets-For those looking for an aesthetic bump, waterfall faucets pour water like a waterfall. The design provides a heightened aesthetic and can be added to any faucet. Touchless Faucets-Automatic or touchless faucets use motion-sensing technology to control water flow. This provides better hygiene for your faucets as well as more eco-friendly options as less water is wasted. WaterSense Certified Faucets-WaterSense requires a faucet to have a water flow or GPM of 1.5 gallons per minute. Having WaterSense certification guarantees that the faucets are eco-friendly and environmentally sustainable. Valve-Included-Valves connect to the faucet spot at the base to control water pressure. Installing a valve ensures that you have greater control of your faucet's water and lowers the chance of wasting water.