

Bathroom Heirloom



Carved from wood the sink pictured above may make your clients' heirs happy. Guaranteed "forever," according to its manufacturer, the sink was made from wood specially impregnated with resin, making it impervious to water and other forms of moisture. The model shown is the company's "1912 Victorian pedestal lavatory" but custom options are available. The company also provides sinks carved from exotic hardwoods, but these sinks have a limited one-year guarantee, and will have to be treated regularly for moisture/water protection. For more information, contact Wood Sink, Inc., 935 West Avenue 37, Los Angeles, CA 90065; 213/222-4035.

Clutter-Free Kitchens



To conserve on square-footage costs, some homeowners may choose to go compact, but they'll still complain if they feel cramped in their kitchen. One approach is the Optimum Kitchen where you drain, dry, and store your dishes on the same shelf. The above-counter storage pictured above is provided by modular cabinet sections, primarily intended for dishes, glassware, flatware, and kitchen tools. The cabinets are tapered at the base to preserve counter space while making maximum use of the wall space. The cabinets are ventilated, and can be heated to accelerate drying. The

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manufacturer also offers pot and rack inserts that fit in any standard cabinets, and a "wash and rinse station" which can be foot-operated. For more information, contact Design for Progress, 110 Bow St., Lexington, MA 02173; 617/862-6937.

Tile for Fast Times



Pregrouted glazed ceramic tiles promise to simplify installations. With Redi-Set, a worker can install whole sections of grouted tile (each sheet contains up to 16 tiles) at once. Because the white silicone rubber grout is water-repellent, and stain-resistant when regularly maintained, the manufacturer okays it for wet areas. And because the grout is flexible, the grout will allow the tile to bend and stretch with the building as it moves. For more information contact American Olean, Lansdale, PA 19446; 215/855-1111. ■

Lightweight Soffits



Polystyrene soffits promise easy installation and low unit costs. Builders can buy Ultra-Soffit at \$3 a linear foot. According to its manufacturer, 8 feet of soffit can be installed in 15 to 20 minutes with just 24 screws. The soffit can be cut or trimmed with ordinary tools, and is adaptable to both standard and custom cabinet depths. Corner soffit pieces are also available. For more information contact Epsco, 4080 First Avenue, N.E. Suite 105H, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; 319/364-2000.

Bathtub Barrier



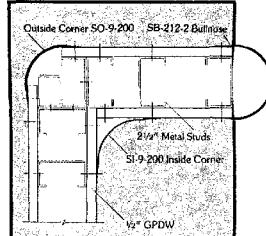
No more puddles in the bathroom. Bathroom remodelers take note: Splash-Enders is designed to keep water in the tub, and prevent damage to wall, tile, floor, and subfloor. Retailing at \$10.95 each, it's an inexpensive alternative to shower doors. No tools are required, and installation is supposed to take "seconds." For more information contact Splash-Enders, 10211 S.W. Barbur Blvd. Suite 112A, Portland, OR 97219; 503/244-2422.

Cutting Corners



Plywood cabinetry takes a curve with Curv-ations plywood components. Flat panels with curved end sections may prove useful for kitchen cabinets or vanities, and countertops with backsplashes. The panels are offered with 3-, 4-, and 6-inch radii. The line includes quarter-round sections 4x96x1-1/2-inches—thick enough to be used as corner supports. For more information, contact Roberts Plywood Co., 150 Rodeo Drive, Brentwood, NY 11717; 516/586-7700.

Remarkable Forms



Creates a soft look in drywall detailing. Inside and outside corners can make subtle turns through the use of Softforms. The aluminum extrusions make possible radiused screens and columns, and other design solutions for walls, ceilings, soffits, and window treatments. For more information, contact Pitteon, 6409 Rhode Island Ave., Riverdale, MD 20737; 1-800-637-7638. ■

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