

Kitchen & Bath | Flooring Options | by Dave Holbrook

Armored Vinyl. Because they're sold in 12-foot widths that provide seamless, waterproof coverage, vinyl sheets are a good choice for bathrooms. *Natural Fusion* flooring is an exceptional 105 mils thick with a scratch- and stain-resistant surface coating of polycarbonate-fused aluminum oxide. Deep embossing with "variable texture technology" lends a realistic feel. This "luxury" line contains 35 patterns, including Galleon (shown); prices run about \$2.50 to \$3 per square foot.

Armstrong, 800/233-3823, www.armstrong.com.
Circle #1



Easy Care. This high-pressure-laminate (HPL) flooring offers simple "Tap-N-Lock" installation, immediate usability, durable performance, and easy maintenance in the kitchen or bathroom. *Crema Milan* tile (shown) is one of 20 wood and stone looks available. Both plank and tile profiles cost \$4 to \$6 per square foot and come with a 20-year warranty against water damage.

Wilsonart, 800/710-8846, www.wilsonart.com.
Circle #2



54 Shades of Green. Natural cork is harvested from the bark of the cork oak every 10 years, a process that actually prolongs the life of the tree. It provides a remarkably durable, comfortable, and environmentally friendly kitchen or bathroom floor covering. *Duro-Design* cork flooring comes in six styles and 54 colors. The suggested retail price of \$6.50 per square foot includes the tile, adhesive, and a four-coat water-based urethane finishing product.

Duro-Design, 888/528-8518, www.duro-design.com. **Circle #3**

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Synchronized Trims. Cooper Lighting's satin nickel and antique copper ceiling trims coordinate with recent trends in faucet, hardware, and bathroom accessory finishes. They come in 3-, 4-, 5-, and 6-inch diameters, in reflector, baffle, adjustable (eyeballs, slots, and gimbals), and open types; the shower trims have nonconductive, noncorrosive polymer rings. Prices vary by style.

Cooper Lighting, 770/486-4800, www.cooperlighting.com.
Circle #4



Countertop Illumination.

Here's an undercabinet fixture line that lets you choose between T5 fluorescent, 12-volt xenon, and line-voltage halogen lamping. The 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch-high *Bright Lite Series* comes in 8-, 13-, 20-, and 27-inch lengths. You can also choose either direct-wire or linkable models that use proprietary plug-in connecting cords. Prices run between \$68 and \$131 for the 12-volt xenons, and \$34 to \$102 for the 120-volt halogens.

International Lighting, 800/325-7050, www.internationalitg.com. **Circle #5**



Flexible Pendants. Designed for kitchen task and accent lighting, hand-blown *Quick Connect G618 Series* glass pendants come in five colors: blue, green, orange, purple, and white. Flexible components make the fixtures suitable for a variety of mounting options, including low-voltage monorails, monopoints, multipoints, low-voltage wall sconces, line and low-voltage track systems, and a two-circuit line-voltage bendable rail system. With connector fittings, the pendants cost \$240 each.

W.A.C. Lighting, 800/526-2588, www.wac-lighting.com. **Circle #6**

