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Reasonable Range. With *Premier Pro Series* ranges, your clients get the style and features of a commercial-style appliance at considerably less cost. Each stainless-steel unit — available in 24-, 30-, and 36-inch widths — has a 15,000-Btu high-power burner, a 600- to

6,000-Btu simmer burner, and multiple 9,100-Btu burners, all with

continuous cast-iron grates. Prices start at around \$1,300.

Peerless-Premier Appliance Co.,
800/858-5844,
premierange.com.



Stone Stand-In. Easily damaged and hard to clean, natural slate isn't the best choice for kitchen and bath flooring — but that doesn't make it any less popular. Mannington's *Serengeti Slate* offers the look of slate without the problems. According to the maker, the porcelain tiles are durable and easier to clean than

slate. They come in 6x6-, 12x12-, 18x18- and 12x24-inch sizes, plus two mosaic and several bull-nose styles. They cost about \$4.50 per square foot.

Mannington,
800/482-9527,
mannington.com.



Lighten Up. The next time you have an attic-level tile job, keep ProSpec's *PermaFlex Lite 525* in mind. Although it provides the same coverage as conventional

thinset mortar, the product weighs half as much and offers better grab and a longer open time, says the manufacturer. It comes in gray and white; a 25-pound bag costs \$25.

ProSpec, 800/738-1621, prospect.com.



Self-Supporting. Making the transition from PEX tubing to a shut-off valve can be tricky. Most plumbers use a copper stub-out for this detail, but now there's another option: Uponor's *ProPEX Out-of-the-Wall Support System*, which allegedly eliminates stub-outs and cuts installation time in half. The support bracket is sized for 16-inch framing and includes both 1/2- and 3/4-inch openings. The components for a single lavatory cost \$16 in chrome.

Uponor,
800/321-4739,
uponor-usa.com.

