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On a Roll. Trim-Tex's drywall shim material comes as a continuous roll instead of in 4-foot strips. It's made from flexible, waterproof vinyl — perforated, to allow adhesive to flow through. The 150-foot-long $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch-thick *Drywall Shim on a Roll* is scored every 18 inches to make it easier to tear off to size. A roll costs about \$8.

Trim-Tex, 800/874-2333, trim-tex.com.



Space and Brace. Instead of spacing your roof trusses with a tape measure and then bracing them with a temporary 2-by across the top, do both steps at once with MiTek's *Stabilizer*. The 20-gauge steel bar has built-in gang nails that you set into the wood after you pull the truss tight against its end; unlike wooden bracing, the bar is thin enough to leave in place and sheathe right over. The product is sized to sit snugly over a truss member and ride up with it — so you don't have to wrestle with a box of the bars as you crawl the trusses. The bars cost \$2 apiece.

MiTek, 800/325-8075, mii.com.

Versatile Primer. Anvil Paints introduced water-based 1750 *Grip-Tite Bonding Primer* primarily to improve the bond of its garage-floor epoxy top coat, but the coating can prime lots of other materials as well: interior or exterior concrete, and porous brick, block, masonry, and stucco surfaces, both painted or unpainted. It comes in one- and five-gallon cans for \$25 and \$110 respectively.

Anvil, 800/822-6776, anvilpaints.com.



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Cornered. Pull-out drawers inside kitchen and bathroom cabinets are a nice touch, but the scratches their front edges can leave on cabinet doors aren't. Tenn-Tex's *B375 Drawer Corners* are designed to eliminate this problem. Two smooth plastic glides — available in natural, white, and



beige — plus mounting screws cost 64 cents when purchased in quantities of 100.

Tenn-Tex Plastics, 800/836-6839, tenntex.com.



Insulated Door. Clopay's *Gallery Collection* doors contain high-R-value polyurethane foam sandwiched between steel layers. In addition to insulating, the rigid foam muffles noise and makes the door stiffer and more dent-resistant, says the manufacturer. The doors come in two thicknesses, four colors, and dozens of sizes and can qualify for an energy tax credit. A 2-inch-thick, 7-foot-by-16-foot assembly with windows starts at \$1,225.

Clopay, 800/225-6729, clopaydoor.com.



New Slider. Replacing an old sliding patio door is a quick facelift remodel with usability and energy efficiency benefits — and the cost of an Energy Star-rated door from Simonton's *Reflections 5300* line will count toward your client's federal energy tax credit. The vinyl replacement doors come in white, tan, and driftwood in four common sizes. A 6'0" x 6'8" unit costs \$642.

Simonton, 800/746-6686, simonton.com.

Prime Time.

Low-VOC is the buzzword in paints these days. Kilz brand has gone one better with its new low-odor, water-based *Clean Start*, which the company says is the only zero-VOC primer that's also a stain blocker. It can be used for interior or exterior jobs and costs about \$23 per gallon.

Masterchem, 800/325-3552, newfromkilz.com.



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