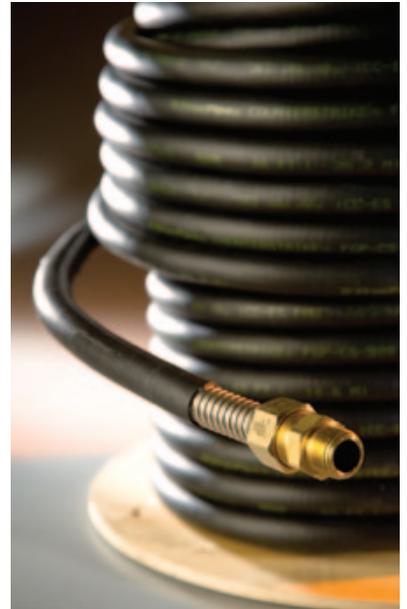


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**Door-Saver.** *Cetol Door & Window Finish* is a translucent coating that maintains the beauty of exterior wood surfaces better than polyurethanes or varnishes, says the maker. The high-solids alkyd formulation contains ingredients — like iron oxide pigments and UV absorbers — that help it stay flexible and resist sun damage. It comes in two clear sheens (satin and gloss) and four colors and costs about \$65 per gallon.

**AkzoNobel**, 866/745-5367, sikkensfinishes.com.



## Lightning-Safe Gas Pipe.

According to its maker, *TracPipe CounterStrike* corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) needs fewer fittings to install than traditional black iron and has a conductive black jacket that eliminates any need for additional bonding to prevent damage from lightning. The company claims the heavy jacket also makes the tubing more crush-resistant and easier to straighten than other CSST products. It comes in seven sizes. Prices range from \$4.50 per foot for  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch pipe to \$29.50 per foot for 2-inch pipe.

**OmegaFlex**, 800/671-8622, tracpipe.com.



**Two Ovens in One.** Miele's *Speed Oven* packs a 1,000-watt microwave and a European-style pressurized convection oven into one 24-inch-wide unit. It features a variety of automatic settings, including "AutoRoast," which uses a probe to prevent overcooking, and the "MasterChef" menu, which automatically sets the cooking mode and time for different types of food. The oven costs \$3,200.

**Miele**, 800/843-7231, mieleusa.com.



**Slate Lite.** In a traditional slate roof, much of the stone is hidden. SlateTec's lightweight slate roofing replaces what you can't see with a sheet of underlayment, making it lighter, less expensive, and quicker to install than conventional slate roofs, the company says. It's made with S1 Grade Vermont slate and comes in  $\frac{1}{4}$ - to  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch thicknesses (6 pounds per square foot) or  $\frac{3}{8}$ - to  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thicknesses (9 pounds per square foot). Buyers can choose from seven semi-weathering and four nonweathering colors. Prices start at \$425 per square, including underlayment.

**SlateTec**, 855/752-8383, slatetec.net.

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**Space-Saver.** *SmartCab* is a pull-out cabinet organizer made to fit 15-inch or 18-inch base cabinets that have a drawer above the door. It requires only four screws to install and comes with soft-close runners for smooth, quiet operation, the maker says. Adjustable shelves and a range of optional accessories — like spice racks, cutting boards, and roll organizers — allow users to tailor it to their needs. The insert costs \$290; accessories cost \$30 to \$130.

Hafele America Co., 800/423-3531, hafele.com/us.



**Glass Wall Tiles.** *Modono Glass Tiles* have a coating that makes them shimmer and appear to change color depending on the viewer's perspective. They're suitable for backsplashes, shower walls, and spas, and come in 24 colors and standard sizes from 2 by 2 inches to 12 by 28 inches. Larger custom sizes are also available. Prices range from \$30 to \$64 per square foot.

Applied Coatings Group, 585/247-6000, modonoglass.com.



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**Four Seasons Corp.,**  
800/514-6491, fours  
easonsmetals.com.



**Health-Minded.** Got a hypersensitive client? The maker of *Valspar Plus* is promoting it as the first paint to be certified as “asthma and allergy friendly” by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation. According to the company, the paint is VOC-free, has no lingering odor, and resists mold and mildew. It’s sold in flat, satin, and semi-gloss sheens. Prices start at \$40 per gallon.

**The Valspar Corp.,** 800/845-9061, valsparpaint.com.

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**Metal Look.** *Mixology* is a resin tile with a metallic finish designed to replicate the appearance — but not the price or the weight — of solid cast metal. Field tiles come in two sizes (4x4, 6x6), seven patterns, and two finish choices (bronze and iron nickel). Ten trim pieces are also available. The tiles are intended for interior vertical applications and contain at least 50 percent post-consumer recycled content, says the maker. Prices range from \$6.50 to \$13 per piece.

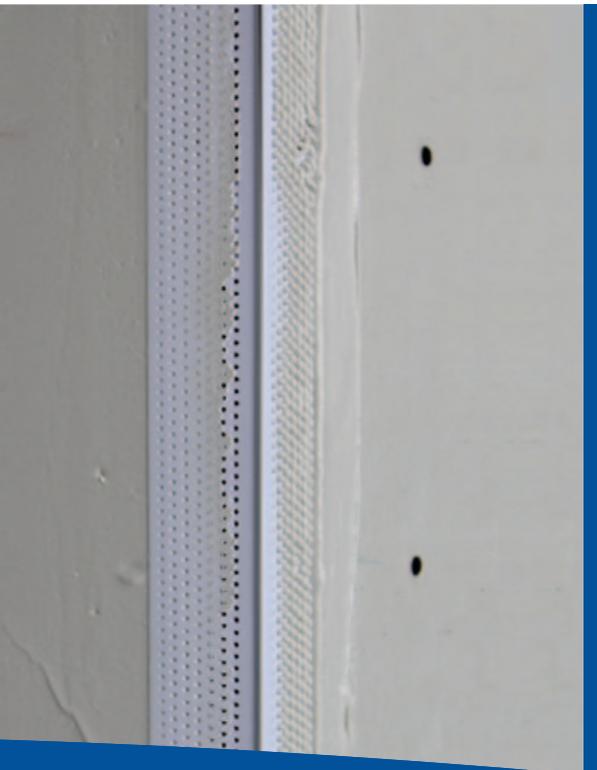
Crossville, 931/484-2110, crossvilleinc.com.



**Durable Shingles.** *StormMaster* asphalt shingles are designed to look like wood shakes and slate shingles — and to last just as long, too, says the maker. They're made from a rubberized asphalt polymer that allegedly adds strength and durability, and are treated with Scotchgard to minimize staining and fading. All StormMaster shingles have passed testing for 130-mph wind resistance and Class 4 impact resistance, says the maker. Prices range from \$95 to \$115 per square.

Atlas Roofing, 800/388-6134, atlasroofing.com.

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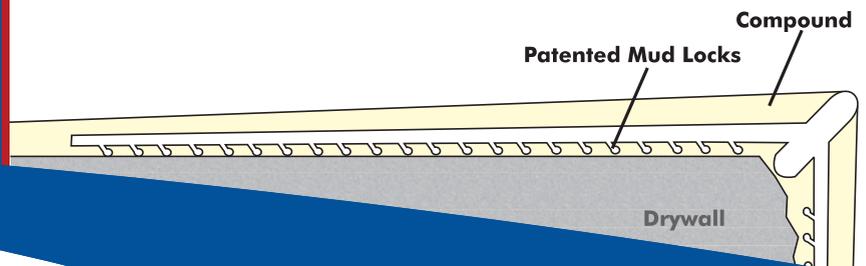
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**Premium Paint.** Sherwin-Williams says its zero-VOC *Emerald Acrylic Latex* is created with colorants that are free of VOCs yet don't adversely affect thickness or consistency. It comes in interior and exterior versions and is self-priming, stain-blocking, and highly scrubbable, says the company. Emerald Interior costs about \$60 per gallon, Exterior about \$70.

**Sherwin-Williams**, 800/474-3794, sherwin-williams.com.



**Efficient Exhaust.** Zephyr says its *Milano Island* range hood has been upgraded for better performance. The new model has a direct-current brushless motor that's supposed to be quieter and more powerful than the previous motor. It also has dimmable LED light bulbs and a computerized control system that the maker says reduces energy consumption by 80 percent. Retail pricing starts at \$1,890.

**Zephyr**, 888/880-8368, zephyronline.com.

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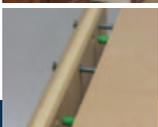


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