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1. Design Your Door

Mahogany-stained Spanish cedar with frosted laminate windows (shown) is just one combination among countless available through Clopay's Reserve Wood Collection Custom Series garage door program. From traditional to contemporary, if you can draw it, you can have it. Available wood species are essentially unlimited, including reclaimed lumber, and there are numerous stain, metal, and glass options. The polystyrene-insulated wood doors feature an R-5.9 insulation value and a one-piece drop-cap design to keep water from flowing behind grooved overlays. A single-car overhead door starts at \$6,400, depending on wood species. clopaydoor.com



2. Test Your Metal

Gerard USA's stone-coated-metal roofing systems are designed to withstand battering from damaging hail, UV rays, and even fire. The 26-gauge base steel is sandwiched between layers of zinc-aluminum alloy and acrylic coatings, and topped with ceramic-coated stone granules. The composition gives Gerard metal roofs a Class A fire rating backed by a lifetime warranty. Choose from tile, shake, and shingle profiles in 18 standard colors. gerardusa.com



3. Protective Pouch

Next time you're working at a height, keep parts and pieces safely ensconced in the Arsenal Topped Parts Pouch. The clever design features Ergodyne's Trap Door top that blocks the opening if the pouch tips or overturns. Parts can be dropped in easily, but users have to reach in to pull them out. The pouch has loops for hanging from a belt. Available in canvas or tarpaulin, the Arsenal Topped Parts Pouch retails for \$33. ergodyne.com

4. Let There Be Control

Lutron's Caseta wireless dimmers work with a range of bulbs, including dimmable LEDs and CFLs. The in-wall dimmers don't require a neutral wire and can easily be swapped out with an existing light switch. To control table and floor lamps, simply plug the wireless lamp dimmers into a standard wall receptacle. Also available is the Smart Bridge Pro, which connects to a home's Wi-Fi router and allows users to control connected devices from a smartphone. The Smart Bridge sells for about \$200; Caseta dimmers start around \$50 each. lutron.com

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5. Easy-Install Joist Hanger

MiTek's THFI face-mount hanger incorporates the installation ease of a top-mount hanger with the flexibility of a face-mount, according to the maker. "Seat Cleats" that lock the bottom flange of the I-joist into the hanger eliminate the need for joist nails, removing one step from the installation process. The THFI's side flanges extend to the top chord of the I-joist, so web stiffeners are also not required. Alignment tabs simplify the THFI's proper vertical alignment. mitek-us.com

6. Temp Tracker

Onset's HOBO product line includes versatile tools for contractors to monitor what's going on inside a home. Among them is the MX1101 temperature and humidity logger, which delivers data wirelessly to mobile devices for easy downloading and analysis. In homes, the MX1101 can help users identify mold-prone areas or fine-tune a home's heating and cooling needs. The associated mobile app lets users configure the device, set the time-frame for monitoring, and receive alarm notifications if problems arise. Compatible with iOS and Android, the HOBO MX1101 is available for \$135. onsetcomp.com

7. Well-Balanced Bag

Quikrete's newest concrete mix balances working time and a fast cure for the best of both worlds, without sacrificing performance. Q-Max Pro offers one-hour working time, three-hour walk-on time (at 1,000 psi), and 6,500-psi compressive strength when fully cured. The combination lets contractors complete projects quickly while meeting requirements for both structural concrete use and concrete repair. Good for slabs, steps, floors, ramps, sidewalks, and patios, Q-Max Pro offers crack and freeze-thaw resistance. An 80-pound bag retails for less than \$10. quikrete.com

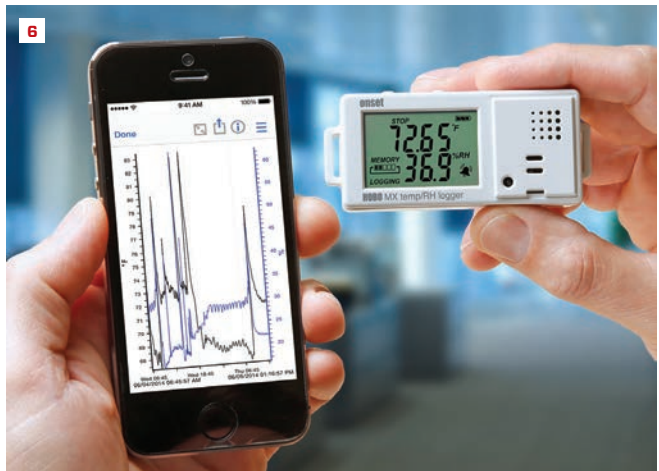
8. Tile to Suit

Wood-patterned porcelain tile with marble accents in gray, white, and black tones comprise the dapper designs of Walker Zanger's Sterling Row collection. The tiles' geometric patterns are inspired by suit fabrics and other menswear staples, with names including tuxedo, houndstooth, argyle, wingtip, and more. The tiles are suitable for all surfaces, including walls, floors, and even poolsides. Ideal for accent areas, pricing ranges from \$55 to \$145 per square foot. walkerzanger.com

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9. Safety Where You Are

SawStop is bringing its injury-preventing technology to a new portable jobsite model. In addition to SawStop safety technology that stops the blade instantly upon contacting flesh, the table saw offers one-turn blade elevation and quick-tilt blade angle. Other features include a T-style fence with “ErgoLock,” a low-profile blade guard, large wheels for easy portability, and an accessory drawer. The \$1,300 price tag may seem steep for a portable table saw, but is likely less than the cost of a missing finger or worse. sawstop.com

10. Stretch Your Sawhorse

Centipede Tool offers workstations that expand and collapse in seconds. The smaller Centipede Sawhorse accommodates a 2-by-4-foot tabletop and can hold up to 1,500 pounds. The larger Support XL doubles the capacity to up to 3,000 pounds over a 4-by-8-foot area. Both models have steel frames and a molded P-Top at the point of each strut. This top spins 360 degrees for ideal positioning and is replaceable if damaged by a misguided cut. The Sawhorse (\$90) comes with two bench clamps, four “X-cups” (to hold 2x4 cross supports), and a storage bag. The kit for the Support XL (\$150) has two additional bench clamps. centipedetool.com

11. Quick-Installing Stone Veneer

Environmental Stoneworks is making its Clip-Stone mortarless stone veneer system more widely available. The manufactured stone pieces install one at a time, but go up quickly thanks to a clever, self-spacing metal clip on the back of each stone. The clip maintains a $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch gap between the veneer and the substrate, allowing water to move to weep holes in the starter channel. With no mortar or mason necessary, ClipStone is relatively easy to install, even for siding contractors who don't usually work with stone. Pricing ranges from \$10 to \$12 per square foot. myclipstone.com

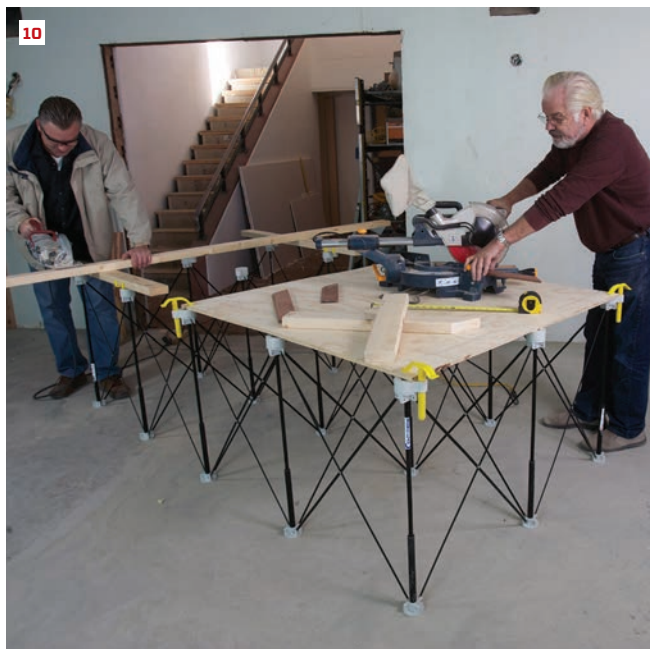
12. Copper-to-PEX Solution

Viega's adapters—specifically designed for the ProPress system—let installers merge copper and PEX tubing systems. Like the maker's other press-system solutions, the fittings are flameless. They also meet Zero Lead requirements and are available in sizes up to 2 inches. Adapters for joining copper and PEX tubing are approved for plenum applications and meet or exceed a number of industry standards. viega.com

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