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1. Pretty Privacy

Hy-Lite Windows offers four privacy-window styles in its new Home Designer Collection: Baroque (shown), Metro, Mission, and Prairie. Available in 48-by-48-inch (\$475) and 30-by-60-inch (\$525) sizes, the Baroque-style window—the most popular in the collection—has silk-screened tempered privacy glass with clear lines and is suitable for kitchens, bathrooms, and dressing areas. hy-lite.com

2. Natural-Looking Light

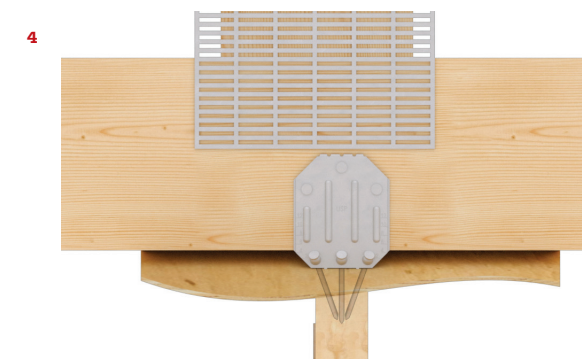
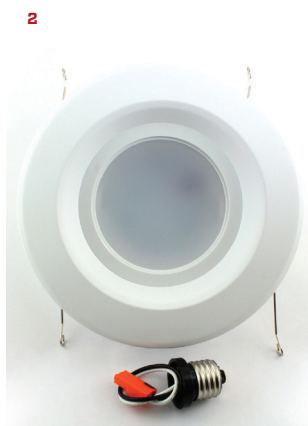
Designed to replace 5- and 6-inch ceiling can fixtures, Cyron Lighting's new neutral-white down-light LEDs provide up to 100W of illumination while using 15W of power. The lamps' color temperature is 4,000K, allowing fabric and paint colors to appear "just right"—not too warm or too cool. UL listed and Energy Star certified, the fixtures are compatible with electronic LED dimmers. Choose from three white-toned trim options that are gasket-sealed for less air infiltration. Priced at \$25. cyron.com

3. Safer Receptacle

Get the benefits of arc prevention and grounding together in Leviton's SmartLockPro Dual Function AFCI/GFCI Receptacle. Compliant with the National Electric Code for use in residential kitchens and laundry areas, as well as for modifications, extensions, or replacements, the device has "test" and "reset" buttons, and a light that indicates a status of normal, mis-wiring, or AFCI or GFCI trip. The maker's patented reset lockout prevents the device from being reset if it's not functioning properly. It's priced around \$30. leviton.com/dfci

4. Share the Load

MiTek's new VTT Valley Truss Tie is an 18-gauge G90 galvanized steel tie that transfers loads from valley trusses to the supporting structure. The connector resists sliding forces created from downward loads when a valley truss is set on a sloped lower roof. This eliminates the need for support wedges under the truss's bottom chord, and means framers won't need special-order trusses with bevel-cut bottom chords. The VTT has double-dimple nail holes, prong teeth, and a flat design that requires no field bending to match the roof pitch. At \$2.95 each, the VTT is designed for roof pitches from 0/12 to 12/12. Pitch guide embossments let users attach to a valley truss on the ground. mittek-us.com





5. Fabulous Faux

Add a rustic touch to ceilings with new cellular PVC designs from Fypon. Hand-hewn and rough-sawn beam styles are meant to deliver an Arts & Crafts look at a fraction of the cost of timber. With pricing ranging from \$113 to \$900 depending on style and size, both styles come in 4x6-inch, 6x8-inch, and 8x10-inch dimensions, and in lengths from 8 to 24 feet in 2-inch increments. Beams attach to mounting blocks screwed to the ceiling. Decorative beam straps are available. fypon.com



6. In the Trenches

New C- and CX-Series Ditch Witch walk-behind trenchers have compact and ergonomic designs. CX-Series trenchers have a CX Track system with a shorter left track and longer right track. C-Series trenchers have an offset rear-tire design. Easy access to machine components improves maintenance. Six available models dig at depths from 24 to 48 inches, ideal for laying pipe or cables, trenching for drainage, and prepping landscape projects. Check with dealers for pricing. ditchwitch.com

7. Fine Floors, Outdoors

Cabot Gold exterior finish for decks and outdoor furniture mimics the appearance of interior hardwood floors through a two-coat process. For a successful application, Cabot calls for clean, bare wood, at least 24 hours between coats, and three days before furniture is returned to the deck. Choose from four colors for use on both cedar and pine. Available in spring 2016, Cabot Gold will retail for about \$20 per quart and \$46 per gallon. cabotwoodcare.com



8. Comfort Controller

The Bosch Control Smart Room Thermostat works with compatible Bosch and Buderus condensing boilers and lets users control heating and hot-water. Energy Management System technology matches boiler output with demand. The programmable thermostat comes with a temperature sensor and remote boiler control in one device, and has an easy-to-use touchscreen and an iPhone- and Android-compatible app. Bosch Control is the only thermostat of its type, Bosch says, that can adjust a boiler's flow temperature to the minimum level required to enhance condensing operation, while still maintaining room comfort. List price is around \$225. boschheatingandcooling.com

Products

9. Ladylike Finish

Grohe has introduced a new rose gold finish for its Grandera collection to give its modern look a more feminine touch. The finish is available on a wide range of bathroom products so your customer's shower, tub, and bathroom sink can all be coming up roses. The Grandera lavatory centerset faucet (shown) costs \$645 in chrome, \$847 in brushed nickel, and \$895 in rose gold. grohe.com/us

10. Lightweight Underlayments

National Nail has expanded its line of Stinger roofing products to include three synthetic underlayments: EX025, EX035, and EX055. EXO synthetic underlayments are UV-resistant and can remain exposed for up to six months during construction. The company says the synthetic woven fabrics offer high tear strength and proprietary, non-skid additives for better roof deck contact and high slip resistance. Each roll covers 10 squares, but weighs just 20 to 28 pounds, depending on the product. According to the maker, the lighter weight and the preprinted nailing patterns and overlap lines help increase productivity. Priced from \$60 to \$115 per roll. stingerworld.com

11. Clean, Safe, Smart

Improve efficiency and safety during demolition with the Smart Chute construction-debris removal system from Quantum Smart Solutions. Designed to shuttle debris directly into a dumpster or truck, the company says Smart Chute helps keep jobsites cleaner and eliminates labor hours wasted on moving trash materials from around the jobsite to a dumpster. Constructed of lightweight non-rusting aluminum, the Smart Chute's components nest for easy assembly, disassembly, and transport. The top of the chute attaches to the structure with heavy-duty hinges. Three available sizes are priced starting at \$12,000, and can be used in configurations ranging from 8 to 40 feet to service debris removal up to a four-story elevation. quantum-smart.com

12. Life on the Ledge

The aptly-named 246Ledge is Eldorado Stone's newest ledgestone option, saw-cut dimensionally at 2-inch, 4-inch, and 6-inch heights for uniformity and ease of installation. The vertical edges are left natural for a rustic appearance. It's available in flats and 90-degree corners, and in eight colorways including weathered ore, shown. Pricing varies by product and project. eldoradostone.com

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