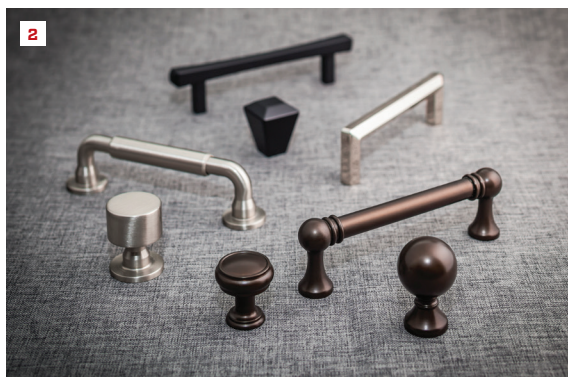


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1. Dishwasher With a View

KitchenAid's newest dishwasher has a unique feature: a tinted exterior window with a lighted interior that illuminates when the wash cycle is complete. The Energy Star-qualified model operates at a low 44 dBA, ideal for homes with open floor plans. The manufacturer's Clean Water Wash System continuously removes food particles from the wash water through a maintenance-free stainless steel filter. Other features include an upper-rack adjustable bottle wash, a nine-in-one wash arm configuration to improve soaking and scrubbing, and adjustable shelving on both sides of the upper rack. Look for retail pricing around \$2,050. kitchenaid.com



2. Stylish Knobs and Pulls

In design, serenity doesn't come only from calming paint colors. Top Knobs' new Serene collection of decorative hardware lends a refined style to knobs and pulls. The collection includes five styles comprising a total of 10 knobs and 21 pulls in a variety of sizes. Additionally, four available 12-inch appliance pulls carry through the same thin width as the cabinet pulls for a cohesive look that thicker, heavier appliance pulls can't always provide. The five styles are available in up to six finishes including flat black, Tuscan bronze, and polished nickel. Pricing for knobs and pulls starts at \$6.50; appliance pulls start at \$135. topknobs.com



3. Versatile Reclaimed Wood

Available in stone (shown), shadow, crimson, and creme colorways, Olde Wood's reclaimed barn siding brings a unique look to wall treatments. The authentic recycled lumber is virtually maintenance-free, having survived 100 years or more of Northeastern weathering. The color application creates a natural, uneven texture through a process that preserves the boards' weathered look, rusty nail holes, deep graining, and knots. Choose from random widths of 3 to 6 inches or 4 to 8 inches, and board lengths from 2 to 12 feet long. Applications include interior wall or ceiling paneling, decorative accents, and even exterior residential siding. Pricing starts at \$9.72 per square foot. oldewoodltd.com



4. Gravel-Free French Drain

The NDS EZ-Drain gravel-free French drain is a prefabricated trench drain solution that eliminates the hassle of dealing with gravel. As such, the maker says installation time can be cut in half compared with traditional applications. For a 4-inch drain, individual pricing for 5-foot lengths starts at around \$40 at Home Depot, or on the NDS website for \$140 for a set of four drains that can be connected to suit the length of installation. ndspro.com

5. Expanding Concrete Alternative

Sika's Post Fix replaces two 50-pound bags of concrete with a mix-and-pour formulation that expands like magic in just minutes. The small, self-contained package includes a two-component mix that activates without water when the internal seal is burst. With the two components thoroughly combined, installers can pour Post Fix into a post hole to secure fence posts, light poles, mailboxes, and other non-structural posts of a variety of materials including steel, wood, and PVC. An initial set takes place in just three minutes, with two hours to a full cure. The mix is not labeled for structural components such as deck posts. Priced at \$11 per bag. usa.sika.com



6. Affordable Beauty in the Bath

The Brioso freestanding bathtub is part of the new Maax Professional line designed for the trades. Featuring clean lines with balanced angles and curves, the affordable tub is easy to install and comes in a surprising array of colors: white, platinum gray, black, and ruby. Choose from 60-by-42-inch or 66-by-36-inch dimensions to suit a variety of bath configurations. Pricing ranges from \$1,800 to \$2,100 depending on color selection. The introduction of the Maax Professional line coincides with the launch of new online tools for construction professionals: The Maax Pros Corner will provide product updates and documentation, while the Partner Portal will allow for 24/7 access to order tracking. maax.com



7. Little Lav Sink

Don't downsize to save space in small powder rooms. The Boxe semi-countertop sink from American Standard makes a bold visual statement while fitting comfortably into a smaller footprint. The compact, self-rimming design features a rear overflow and is partially recessed to fit easily on a countertop as narrow as 13 inches. The angular shape is set off by an optional towel bar below the basin that accentuates the design while keeping hand towels within reach without adding clutter. Choose from single or 8-inch widespread faucet hole options. Priced at \$260. americanstandard.com



8. Complementary Siding and Shakes

Designers looking for complementary exterior products have a new partnership to take advantage of. Novik has announced that it will color-match its NovikShake 8-foot profile to 23 colors of Style Crest vinyl siding. Additionally, Style Crest will distribute NovikStone, Novik Blended Shakes in four colors, and six colors of Novik's StainNatural product (shown), which incorporates wood stain into the polymer shake during manufacture. The partnership will allow designers and homeowners to feel confident that their exterior product selections complement each other for maximum curb appeal. Pricing will vary by product and region. novik.com



9. Lightweight Sheathing Substrate

Ideal for use under brick, stone, stucco, EIFS, and other siding, USG's new Securock UltraLight Glass-Mat Sheathing is up to 20% lighter than similar products on the market, the maker says. The 5/8-inch sheathing features a re-engineered high-strength, lightweight gypsum core and a coated fiberglass facer mat and back to maximize coverage of air and water barrier systems. The low-VOC material achieved a perfect score on ASTM D3273 tests for mold. Check for pricing and availability from local dealers as Securock UltraLight Glass-Mat Sheathing rolls out regionally this spring. usg.com

10. Fine Finishing

Save time and money with Trim-Tex's newly designed 560 Sanding Pads, available in five grits from extra fine to extra coarse and in corresponding colors for easy identification. With a 60% larger sanding surface than other products, the product's abrasive grit is bonded directly to the foam pad, so there is no paper to scuff up walls when sanding inside corners. Like the previous version of the product, the 560 Sanding Pads also feature the maker's quick-change system, which allows users to easily switch sanding pads when using them in conjunction with the Trim-Tex 540 Pro Sander. Check with your dealer for quantities and pricing. trim-tex.com

11. Deck Out Your Truck

The Decked weatherproof truck-bed storage solution features two full-length, 200-pound-capacity drawers that organize tools and gear while supporting a 2,000-pound payload and full use of the bed area. The waist-height drawers can be customized with locks, trays, dividers, and other accessories for efficient organization. Installation is fast and easy, using the truck's tie-downs rather than requiring drilling into the bed. American-made Decked systems use HDPE and steel components. Look for package pricing around \$1,100 online, though actual pricing will vary by truck bed size and accessories selected. decked.com

12. The Home Stretch

Take advantage of Huber Engineered Woods' Zip System Stretch Tape that is now available in a versatile 10-inch width that's ideal for flashing recessed windows and other deep rough openings. Also available in the original 6-inch width, Stretch Tape stretches in all directions to provide speed and ease of application on the job with a single piece of flashing. The high-performance composite acrylic material fits curves and corners with no need for cutting, and creates a strong bond with substrates and with itself to prevent air and moisture from penetrating. The 10-inch width is available in 75-foot lengths for about \$200 per roll. zipsystemstretchtape.com