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1. Designer-Created Paint Line

Kilz is helping designers move one step closer to their dreams of an HGTV-style home, with its premium interior paint collection, Magnolia Home by Joanna Gaines. All 25 shades, personally designed by Gaines (of the popular show *Fixer Upper*), are formulated to provide the stain-blocking and mildew resistance Kilz is known for, along with coverage, hide, and touch-up that remodelers will appreciate. Pricing will range from \$40 to \$50 per gallon depending on sheen; matte, eggshell, and satin are available. magnoliamarket.com

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2. Metallic Wall Accent

Make a metallic statement with Armstrong's Metallaire panels. Originally created to give the effect of a vintage tin ceiling, the panels are easily adaptable as backsplash and feature wall coverings. Panels measure 24 inches square and install with adhesives in wall and backsplash applications; 24-by-48-inch sizes are available for nail-up installation. Choose from chrome, copper, brass, lacquered steel, and white finishes. Average per-square-foot pricing varies from about \$5 for white to about \$10 for copper finishes. Starting prices for backsplash panels average \$13.50 per square foot. armstrong.com/metallaire

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3. Work at the Right Height

Husky has improved workbench ergonomics with an adjustable-height bench-top on the 52-inch 10-drawer Mobile Workbench. A removable crank handle raises and lowers the 1-inch-thick wood top to anywhere between 38 and 48 inches above the floor. In addition to 10 storage drawers of varying depths, the unit has storage space under the bench-top. Heavy, 21-gauge-steel construction can support 1,000 pounds on large, 5-by-2-inch casters that make the workstation easy to move even when fully loaded. Priced at \$350. homedepot.com

4. Shock-Absorbing Hammer Tacker

"Anti-Vibe" technology in the new Anti-Vibe Hammer Tacker from Bostitch helps reduce shock and vibration transmitted to the user. Other features include an anti-jam mechanism that reduces misfires; a bottom-load magazine that's easy to load with one hand; a slip-resistant grip; and a die-cast aluminum housing that offers both durability and light weight. Priced at \$33. bostitch.com

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5. Caught in the Downdraft

Best Range Hoods aims to improve on downdraft kitchen ventilation with its Cattura model. As effective as an island hood and quieter than other downdrafts, according to the manufacturer, the thin, retractable unit has dual inlet ports to capture emissions; LED task lights; and technology that detects excessive heat and adjusts fan speed accordingly. Cattura's filters are dishwasher-safe. Retail price is \$1,800. bestrangehoods.com

6. Smart Home Appliance Suite

Builders interested in upping their connect-ed-home game can turn to GE's additions to the If This Then That (IFTTT) platform. The new offerings double GE's presence to six channels, and make GE the first appliance manufacturer to have its entire suite on the platform. IFTTT lets users create "recipes" of if-then functions within apps or with other Internet of Things devices, such as smart thermostats or lighting; for example, a recipe could say, "if I turn on the wall oven, then turn on the air conditioner," or "if there's 10 minutes left on the drying cycle, then blink my living room lights." The IFTTT app is free; appliance prices vary. geappliances.com/ge/connected-appliances

7. Two-in-One Containment Tape

Designed for sealing off spaces for restoration, remodeling, and abatement, Shurtape's DS 154 double-sided containment tape has the same painter's tape adhesive used on FrogTape on the wall side, while the opposite side uses a specially formulated adhesive to secure poly sheeting, tarps, and other coverings in both wet and dry environments. The two-in-one design results in full-surface contact and an airtight hold even under negative pressure. Check with dealers for pricing. shurtape.com

8. Portable Stucco Pump

Use one pump start-to-finish for stucco and EIFS applications with Graco's new ToughTek S340e Portable Stucco Pump. It has a 20-gallon hopper and uses piston pump technology to deliver abrasive materials with a steady flow, even with long hose lengths. For EIFS, the S340e handles base and finish coats; for stucco, it handles scratch, brown, and finish coats, as well as air/water-resistive barrier materials. A compact design improves access for spraying in tight areas, and variable speed controls dial-in the exact flow rate. The pump plugs into a standard 120V wall outlet or may be used with a 5.5 kW generator. graco.com/stucco





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9. Undercounter Lavatory Sinks

Two new undercounter sinks have been added to Gerber's lavatory product line. Luxoval sinks include a 16-inch-diameter round model and an oval model measuring 17 ⁵/₈ by 14 ⁵/₈ inches; both have 7-inch bowl depths. The small dimensions suit small spaces. Both sinks have a slotted front overflow and are available in a white finish. Priced starting at \$100. gerberonline.com

10. Compact Electric Water Heaters

For whole-house hot water on demand, Bosch Thermotechnology offers the wall-mountable Tronic 5000C and 6000C electric water heaters. According to Bosch, the compact and lightweight units deliver 97% thermal efficiency with minimal standby loss; modulating elements help to ensure a constant output temperature. For cold climates, the Tronic 6000C model WH17 is recommended for point-of-use only. Other Tronic models (6000C WH 27 and 5000C WH36) may be suitable for whole-house use. Tronic C models require hard-wiring. boschheatingandcooling.com

11. Easy-Adjust Woodworking Clamps

Kreg's new Clamping Solutions line features improved "Automaxx Auto-Adjust Technology," which lets users clamp any piece without ever adjusting the clamp itself. Simply squeeze the handles and Automaxx does the rest, holding securely at the desired pressure. A thumbscrew gives control over that pressure. Kreg Clamps and Clamp Systems include the wood project and bench clamps, a bench clamp system and clamp table (shown), auto-adjust bar clamps, and a clamp vise. The Clamp Table is priced at \$250 on its own, or \$400 with a steel stand. Clamp prices start at \$30. kregtool.com

12. Affordable, Durable Truck Boxes

The Defender Series is Weather Guard's latest affordable truck-box solution designed specifically for pros. Four-piece welded construction and C-channel reinforced lids provide durability, while push-button locks, reinforced front panels, and two dual-stage rotary latches with looped sinkers add security. Styles include saddle and cross boxes, all-purpose chests, low-profile, and lo-side and hi-side boxes. Other features include a dual dynamic gas-strut-supported lid and a no-drill mounting kit for use with all but lo-side and hi-side boxes. Boxes are available in clear aluminum and gloss black powder-coat finishes. Prices range from \$500 to \$730. weatherguard.com