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1. Marble-Inspired Quartz

HanStone Quartz is expanding its signature Cascina Collection with six new veining patterns—Brava Marfil, Campina, Savoy, Strato, Empress, and Nova Bisque. Like the original colors in the collection, the new additions will call to mind veining patterns in natural Carrara marble, with colorways ranging from ivory and taupe to neutral gray. HanStone Quartz countertops are stain- and heat-resistant, durable, and nonporous. Pricing varies by pattern and thickness. hanwhasurfaces.com

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2. Cool Triangular Tiles

Move over, penny rounds and hex tiles—the triangle is making a statement in the Triangle Tile collection from Fireclay Tile. A 9-by-2-inch scalene cut and right triangles in 3-, 4-, and 6-inch sizes are available in more than 100 colors. Designers can play with patterns like chevrons, pinwheels, stripes, and squares, or they can add just a few tiles to create fun focal points. Priced starting at \$35 per square foot, Triangle Tiles are not mesh-backed and are shipped loose. fireclaytile.com

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3. Cabinetry With Texture

Laminate panels with tactile finishes mark Kountry Kraft's Textural Cabinetry line. Available in three door styles, the 22 finishes mimic natural wood grains in look and feel. Door panels can be crafted with matching cabinet boxes, or with boxes sporting a complementary laminate. For smaller budgets, pair panels with a melamine cabinet box. Cabinets can be ordered with linear custom range hoods and select millwork; expect an eight-week lead time. Check with dealers for pricing. kountrykraft.com

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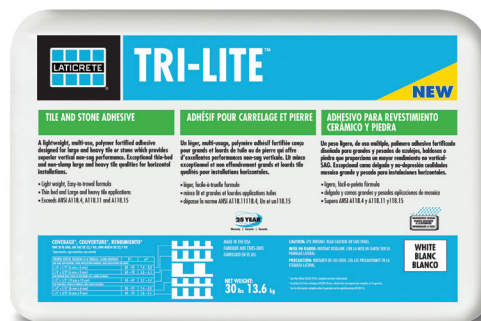
4. Smart Home Security

Home security is built right into light bulbs with the BeON Home Protection solution. Compatible with Android and iOS, BeON devices screw in and operate like standard light bulbs and offer advanced features through the BeON app. Using Bluetooth, the LED bulbs learn lighting habits and can turn lights on and off accordingly while your clients are away. Thanks to an integral battery backup, bulbs also can provide emergency lighting for up to five hours if the power goes out. A variety of kits are available depending on home size; outfit a two- to four-bedroom home for about \$200. beonhome.com

5. Mortar for Large Stone & Tile

Designed for large- and heavy-tile, thin-bed, and wall installations, Laticrete's Tri-Lite is a light-weight, high-performance mortar. Developed to be easier to transport and trowel on, a 30-pound bag of Tri-Lite can provide the same coverage as a 50-pound bag of traditional mortar. The mortar works to a creamy consistency and offers non-sag capabilities for vertical applications. For large and heavy tile in medium-bed installations, Tri-Lite can be built up to 3/4 inch thick without shrinking. Check with distributor for pricing. laticrete.com

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6. Bright & Balanced Box Level

With dual ultraviolet LEDs, optical brightener, and high-contrast e-Band vials, Empire Level's e95 UltraView LED series of box levels brings high-definition viewing to the jobsite and improved utility in low-light environments. The levels have precision-milled edges and all-metal frames and are IP54-rated for protection from dust and water. The center acrylic block vial is reinforced for longer life and accuracy. Magnetic and non-magnetic models are available in 24- and 48-inch lengths. Prices range from \$55 to \$80. empirelevel.com

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7. Soft-Close Sliding-Door Hardware

Johnson Hardware's new soft-close hardware works like a cabinet-door closer with pocket, sliding, and wall-mounted doors, allowing doors to open effortlessly and close quietly and securely. Suitable for new or retrofit installations, the hardware installs quickly on a wide range of the maker's doors. Priced at \$60 for single-directional configuration or \$87 for bi-directional, each set includes a soft-close dampener, two door hanger plates, an actuator, and a ball-bearing door hanger. johnsonhardware.com

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8. Liquid Flashing for Tricky Windows

MaxFlash liquid flashing membrane offers high-performance flashing for complex window configurations in a continuous application that eliminates voids and pinholes. The one-component elastomeric material can be used as a flexible waterproofing flashing membrane around rough openings and to prepare sheathing joints for subsequent air- and water-resistive-barrier installation. It can also be used with water-resistive gypsum sheathing. Able to manage damp substrates and withstand immediate rainfall, MaxFlash has a fast cure time that lets contractors install windows within hours of application. wallsystems.basf.com

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9. Fold-Away Wide-Span Doors

Opening exterior walls to outdoor living spaces is a popular trend, and NanaWall's new FoldFlat system helps blur the lines even more. FoldFlat glass wall panels smoothly fold and then pivot back to stack out of the way and parallel to the opening rather than sticking out into the outdoor space. FoldFlat is available in aluminum and wood-framed options; check with dealers for pricing. nanawall.com

10. Integral Downdraft Range

Jenn-Air recently added a 30-inch range with built-in downdraft to its line of cooking appliances—Jenn-Air's first option for duct-free range installation. The full-depth design installs into a standard opening and is available in dual-fuel and all-electric models. The downdraft whisks away smoke, steam, and cooking odors without a bulky hood interfering with sightlines or requiring additional venting. Ranges have four brass burners, and an included aluminum die-cast griddle. The 6.2-cubic-foot oven has a 3,200-watt true convection element. Retail price is \$3,500. jennair.com

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11. Moisture Barrier for Wood Decks

Deckwise is introducing WiseWrap flexible flashing tape for wood decks. WiseWrap LedgerTape—a polyethylene ledger-board flashing with a self-sealing rubberized asphalt adhesive—can be applied to deck ledgers or to in-ground wood deck or fence posts as a barrier against fungi and soil moisture. WiseWrap JoistTape, a narrower version of the same material, creates a waterproof seal when applied to the tops of deck joists and helps future-proof against squeaking deck boards, according to the maker. LedgerTape retails for \$36 per 12-inch-by-25-foot roll; JoistTape costs \$29 per 3-inch-by-75-foot roll. deckwise.com

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12. Fire-Safe Attic Insulation

Demilec's Sealection 500 open-cell spray foam insulation is now third-party approved for use in unvented attics without the need to apply a secondary ignition barrier. Sealection 500 expands to 120 times its liquid volume to insulate and seal cracks, gaps, and joints with a single application, at an R-value of 3.81 for 1 inch. Made without CFCs, HCFCs, or ozone-depleting chemicals, Sealection 500 will retain its shape and half-pound density over time without settling or compacting, according to its maker. Check with distributors for pricing. demilec.com