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1. Composite Porch Flooring

Deckorators' new composite porch flooring is made with "Eovations technology," which the company says creates a fiber-like core that is impervious to moisture. The 3 1/8-inch-by-7/8-inch boards are available with square-edged or tongue-and-groove profiles, and in three paint-like colors: chicory, macadamia, and kettle (gray). The T&G boards come in 10-, 12-, and 16-foot lengths; the square-edged boards are available in 12-foot lengths only. Prices range from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per lineal foot. deckorators.com



2. Sleek, Stylish Shower Drains

Schluter Systems has introduced three grate designs that integrate with its Kerdi 4-inch-square point drains and its Kerdi linear drains (in lengths from 20 inches to 48 inches). The grates for all three designs—"Curved" (shown), "Pure," and the nature-inspired "Floral"—have no screw holes and fit into a thin, discreet frame. Grates and frames for both the Kerdi drain style and the Kerdi line style are made with brushed stainless steel and are adjustable to work with common tile thicknesses. Pricing varies by distributor. schluter.com



3. An Interchangeable Sink Design

Elkay's Stainless Steel Farmhouse sink with Interchangeable Apron Front gives kitchen designers the ability to change the kitchen design in minutes. The interchangeable aprons are available in several colors and materials, including stainless steel and white fireclay. On select models, a low center divider makes it easier to wash large items, like baking sheets and roasting pans, over both bowls. Sinks range from \$750 to \$1,150, and aprons range from \$250 to \$450. elkay.com



4. A Tough Screen System

Screen Tight's heavy-duty MeshGuard porch screening system is engineered to withstand up to 50 pounds per square foot of pressure, the company says. The vinyl extrusions used with the company's MeshGuard polyester screening are reinforced with galvanized steel strips that act as elongated washers to prevent the extrusions from pulling away from the framing under load. The pre-punched strips come in 8-foot lengths. The MeshGuard system sells for about \$6 per square foot. screentight.com

Products

5. A Thin Sound Abatement System

While many sound-abatement products rely on solid or absorbing materials, Acoustiblok does neither. The thin, flexible 1/8-inch-thick polymer sheets are stapled or screwed to studs before dry-wall. The product transforms acoustical energy into inaudible “internal friction energy,” the firm says, and allows easy access to the wall interior for plumbing and wiring maintenance. The recyclable material comes in rolls of 30-foot, 60-foot, and 350-foot lengths. Pricing varies according to types of sound and level of noise reduction desired. acoustiblok.com

6. Hurricane-Resistant Glass Doors

Sierra Pacific Windows has expanded its line of FeelSafe hurricane-ready products with the new FeelSafe Bi-Fold Door, intended for large, expansive openings. The company says the door's laminated glass is shatter-resistant and engineered to withstand hurricane-force winds up to 180 mph. When fully open, the folding door panels stack perpendicular to the wall to optimize space and views. Pricing varies by opening size and selected options. sierrapacificwindows.com

7. A Snap-In LED Downlight

Kichler's Horizon fixture is an LED-lit alternative to traditional recessed can fixtures. This light sits nearly flush, extending only 1/2 inch from the ceiling or mounted surface. It is designed to snap into either a 4-inch-octagon or a 4-inch-square (2 1/8-inch minimum depth) ceiling junction box, offering fast installation and placement flexibility. The light is made from die-cast aluminum with a powder-coat white finish. It is Energy Star rated and wet-rated. Pricing starts at \$30. kichler.com

8. Ultra-Thin Showerheads

California Faucets added a line of Ultra-Thin Showerheads to its offering of contemporary bath fixtures. The collection includes square and round styles in 6-, 8-, 10-, and 12-inch sizes, measuring 5/16 inch thick—one of the thinnest styles on the market today, according to the manufacturer. The Ultra-Thin Showerheads offer a clean, minimalist design and rain-like spray performance. The solid brass showerheads are available in more than 30 finishes. A round 6-inch showerhead in polished chrome starts at \$175. calfaucets.com



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9. A Drill-Powered Deck Board Clamp

Dextor Power Hand is a deck-board clamp that can be powered by a cordless drill/driver equipped with a clutch and an 11mm hex bolt bit. Depending on the width of the hardwood decking boards being installed, the Power Hand can clamp three or four boards at a time and is capable of providing more than 400 pounds of pulling or pushing force to straighten the decking, according to the company. Suggested price for the Dextor Power Hand is \$170. dextorworks.com



10. Expanded Railing Line

Fairway Architectural Railing Solutions' new cellular PVC rails are reinforced with an aluminum insert and available in 6-, 8-, and 10-foot lengths, meeting IRC and IBC code standards, the company says. Matching posts come in both 36-inch and 42-inch heights. The railing system is compatible with square PVC and round aluminum balusters that fit in the pre-punched bottom and top rails without screws, as well as with glass slats and horizontal cable. The system is available only in white, Fairway says, but can be finished in other paint colors. MSRP is \$36.16 per foot. fairwayrailing.com



11. Laminate Flooring With a Wood Look

Mohawk's new Revwood Plus flooring is a 100% waterproof laminate flooring with a wood look. The durable flooring is stain-, scratch-, and dent-resistant, pet- and kid-friendly, and waterproof, according to Mohawk. The flooring also features a pet warranty. Spills, accidents, and tracked-in stain-makers are kept on the surface for quick, easy cleanup thanks to a glueless locking system, which also allows easy installation of the floating planks. Pricing ranges from \$4 to \$4.50 per square foot plus installation. mohawkflooring.com



12. Gas Fireplace Without a Glass Front

Heat & Glo's Phoenix combines the ambiance of a traditional wood fireplace with the convenience of gas. The Phoenix terminates horizontally to offer a greater view of the fire and to provide installation and design flexibility. Artwork or a TV can be safely hung 12 inches above the fireplace without a mantel, the company says. The Heat & Glo Phoenix includes an optional built-in Bluetooth speaker as well as a quiet ventilation system that the company says creates airflow while minimizing sound. Pricing starts at \$6,500. heatnglo.com

