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1. Drop-in Laundry Sink

Hastings Tile & Bath's Urban Wash collection for laundry rooms includes integrated or drop-in ceramic or solid-surface sinks with removable washboards. Five integrated options and four drop-in options with varying sizes and styles are available; pricing ranges from about \$900 to \$1,200 for ceramic and \$1,300 to \$1,500 for solid surface. hastingsstilebath.com

2. Wood-Alternative Cladding

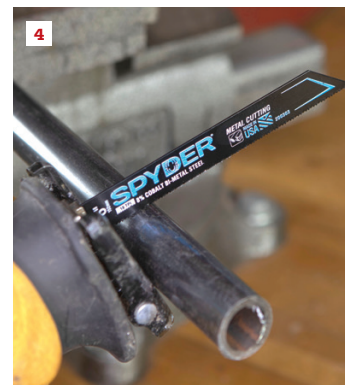
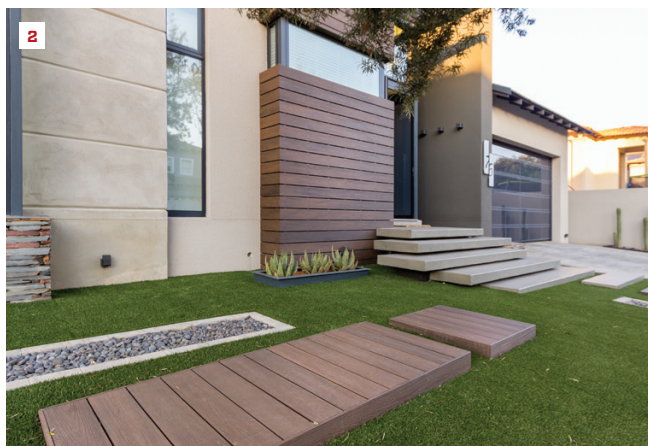
Made from Forest Stewardship Council-certified bamboo fiber and recycled plastics, Fortress Infinity co-extruded cladding and Fortress Apex capped bamboo-PVC cladding are offered in nonrepeating grain patterns, wood-grain textures, and earth-tone color palettes for a wood-like appearance. The manufacturer claims the cladding is UV-, fade-, and moisture-resistant and is easy to install. While pricing varies by market, Infinity cladding averages \$9 to \$11 per square foot, and Apex cladding, \$12 to \$14 per square foot. fortressbp.com

3. Cordless Duplex Nailer

Metabo HPT says its cordless Duplex Nailer is designed to increase efficiency in tasks like forming concrete or building scaffolding. According to Metabo, the nailer, which accepts 6D, 8D, and 16D plastic-strip-collated Duplex nails, can drive up to 900 16D 3 1/2-inch nails per charge, and has a brushless motor that allows for longer runtimes, increased power, and extended durability. The nailer has a pivoting belt hook and a side lock switch to prevent accidental firing. Sold with a 2.5-Ah MultiVolt battery, the nailer retails for \$600. metabo-hpt.com

4. Bi-Metal Reciprocating Saw Blades

Spyder Products designed its Black Series bi-metal reciprocating saw blades for tough cutting tasks. The manufacturer claims that the blades, constructed from an 8% cobalt blend, are faster and more durable than standard bi-metal blades. Available in lengths of 6, 9, and 12 inches, and with from 6 to 18 teeth per inch, the various blades are ideal for cutting wood, nail-embedded wood, thick materials, or metal, according to Spyder. Blades come in three- and five-piece packs and in a 14-piece variety kit with a storage case. They're available at Lowe's, starting at \$80. spyderproducts.com





5. Outdoor Living Enhancements

The new Trex Outdoor Fire & Water collection includes outdoor fire features, water elements, and weather-resistant planters, all made with heavy-grade copper and stainless steel. Fire pots and fire tables are available in a variety of shapes, sizes, and finishes, and they feature burners that create a large flame and brass water blockers that minimize water intrusion. Contractor pricing for the collection ranges from \$250 to \$4,300. trex.com



6. Fiberglass Roofing Underlayment

Boral Ply 40 is an SBS-modified, fiberglass-reinforced underlayment/base sheet for metal, tile, shingle, or shake roofing. According to Boral, Ply 40 is easy to install, and its modified-asphalt composition minimizes wrinkling and buckling. The underlayment offers uncovered exposure time of six months and carries ASTM-D6757, -D4601, -D226, and -D4869 certifications and approvals. Boral Ply 40 is sold in 39 3/8-by-66-inch rolls through distributors; pricing varies regionally. boralroof.com



7. Handcrafted Bathroom Vanities

Strasser's Montlake collection includes hand-crafted wood-drawer vanities ranging in widths from 24 to 72 inches along with coordinating linen towers, drawer banks, mirrors, and medicine cabinets in various sizes. In addition, Strasser offers a 32-inch Tall Retrofit model that the company says allows for easier "swap-out" renovations. Available in eight door styles and 17 finishes, vanities have full-extension soft-glide European drawer mounts and six-way adjustable door hinges. The starting price for a 24-inch vanity is \$1,070. strasserwood.com



8. Third-Rack Dishwashers

The large-capacity Third Rack Dishwashers from Whirlpool have extra usable space to accommodate hard-to-fit items such as mixing bowls, blender jars, and casserole dishes to allow more dishes to be loaded at a single time. The second rack can be raised or lowered to fit taller items, and a three-piece silverware basket can be separated for additional flexibility. Another feature is a leak-detection system, which will flash a light on the front of the appliance if a leak is detected. Available finishes are fingerprint-resistant black stainless and stainless steel. Pricing ranges between \$700 and \$1,000. whirlpool.com

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9. WUI-Approved Sun Tunnels

Flame-resistant construction and ignition-resistant tempered diamond wire glass as the standard pane help Velux TZR and TZRL Wildfire Glass Curb-Mount Sun Tunnel Skylights to meet Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) zone requirements. The Sun Tunnels combine a 14-inch Velux Fixed Curb-Mounted Skylight with an adapter that connects to a standard 14-inch reflective aluminum tunnel. The TZR option, for tile roofs, does not include a flashing kit (a Velux tile flashing kit can be purchased separately); the TZRL option, for shingle roofs, includes a flashing kit and adhesive underlayment. Pricing varies by region. veluxusa.com

10. Knob-Free Wall Oven

Wall ovens are ideal for compact kitchens. Fisher & Paykel's 30-inch Wall Oven features a minimalist knob-free design with a touchscreen that allows users to cook by food type, function, or recipe. The oven has 17 functions and a total capacity of 4.1 cubic feet. The manufacturer claims the oven provides consistent heating for precision performance. It retails for \$4,500. fisherpaykel.com/us/

11. High-Volume Dust Extractor

Festool's CT 48 E AC Dust Extractor is designed to capture large volumes of dust while operating at peak efficiency. The vacuum's large, 12.7 gallon capacity means less time spent emptying a container, and its automatic filter-cleaning function helps maintain high suction power. The extractor is OSHA Table 1 compliant for materials containing silica dust. Included are a large-diameter tapered hose and a reducer that allows for connection to all Festool tools with either a 36mm or a 27mm port. The CT 48 AC costs \$975 and comes with several accessories. festoolusa.com

12. Floating Glass Railing

On Viewrail's Vedera railing, proprietary hardware integrates the glass directly with the company's Flight floating stair treads, while fasteners are hidden to ensure a single continuous wood grain shows through. A round or square stainless steel cap or square wood cap rail can be added—without additional support posts—to provide a handrail. The floating stair system is available in a choice of 15 wood species, which can be finished with any color stain desired. The stair and 1/2-inch tempered low-iron glass railing are priced starting at \$12,000. viewrail.com

