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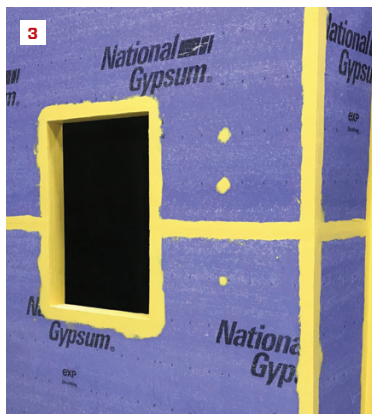
1. Decorative Vinyl Railing Infill

New Chippendale (shown) and Freeport decorative infill patterns for RDI's Finyl Line vinyl railings are preassembled and work with Finyl Line's T-Top top-rail profile. Both patterns are available in white, 36-inch-high panels and are offered in 6-, 8-, and 10-foot level lengths. Railings are reinforced with aluminum stiffeners that run the full length of both the top and bottom rails. Pricing varies. rdirail.com



2. Color-Enhancing Outdoor Sealer

ICP Building Solutions Group's Stain-Proof Paver Enhancer Sealer (previously known as Dry-Treat) offers color enrichment and water and liquid protection for a variety of exterior surfaces, such as brick and concrete pavers. According to ICP, the sealer's penetrating oil and water-repellent solution enhances the colors of treated materials without creating a sheen or shine or affecting the surface's slip rating. A 32-ounce container, which covers 80 square feet, costs about \$60. The sealer also comes in 1-gallon (\$220) and 2.5-gallon (\$500) containers. drytreat.com



3. Single-Component Air Barrier

Sto RapidGuard is a single-component, multiuse air barrier and waterproofing material that seals rough openings, sheathing joints, penetrations, and transitions in above-grade wall construction. Applied with a caulking gun, the liquid-applied barrier adheres to damp substrates; installs between 33°F and 100°F; requires no tape, mesh, or fabric; and bridges cracks and seams in wall construction without tearing established barriers, according to Sto. RapidGuard is compatible with most building materials. stocorp.com

4. Prefabricated Wood Shearwall

The Strong-Wall high-strength wood shearwall (WSWH) is a prefabricated solution from Simpson Strong-Tie for lateral-force resistance in light-frame construction. Made of laminated strand lumber with pre-attached hold-downs, WSWH can be trimmed in the field and can be used in standard, garage-portal, and balloon-framing applications. Top-of-wall shear transfer is accomplished with a single plate that is fastened with both Strong-Wall screws and heavy-duty connector screws. Pricing varies by size and shear capacity. strongtie.com

Products

5. All-in-One Outdoor Kitchen

The lightweight, all-aluminum Blaze Island from Blaze Grills houses five burners, a refrigerator, and storage space in a welded frame. Adjustable feet facilitate leveling, while powder-coated panels with a copper vein finish, textured black countertops, and screened rear venting complete the package. We found the Blaze Grill Island (including a four-burner stainless steel grill, power burner, and 24-inch refrigerator) online starting at about \$8,400. blazegrills.com

6. Engineered Wood Subflooring

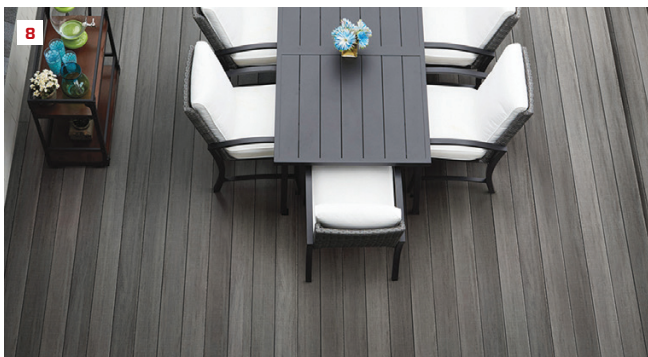
AdvanTech X-Factor, Huber Engineered Woods' new premium subflooring, features a fade-resistant, water-shedding surface. According to Huber, the built-in protective top guards against flaking, delamination, or discoloration. This surface is also marker-friendly, which reportedly is great for jobsite communication. The long edges of the panel have tongue-and-groove joints, and the panel's bottom surface is fully sanded. Huber says that panels are made with SFI-certified woods and do not off-gas urea formaldehyde or VOC emissions. Pricing unavailable. huberwood.com

7. Smooth Panel Siding

LP Building Solutions has introduced LP SmartSide Smooth-Finish Panel Siding. The panel siding has a no-groove square edge for easier use in channel applications, according to the manufacturer, and is designed to hold up against extreme weather conditions, including moisture, freeze/thaw cycles, and wind gusts up to 200 mph. The panels are treated with the company's SmartGuard process for protection against fungal decay and termites and are preprimed for simple paint adhesion. Contact a local distributor for a quote. lpcorp.com

8. Low-Maintenance Capped Composite Decking

The TimberTech Azek Landmark Collection of capped polymer decking sports natural wood-grain patterns and a matte finish with unique crosscut markings. Available in two colors—walnut and castle gate (shown)—the decking is made from 100% synthetic material that was developed to resist moisture, fading, scratching, staining, and overheating, according to TimberTech. Pricing varies by region; on the company's website, this collection is rated with three "\$" out of four. timbertech.com





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9. Self-Adhering Roof Underlayment

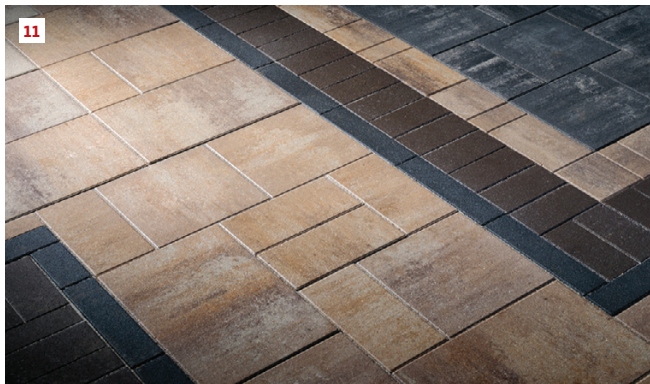
Designed for use with asphalt shingles as a guard against wind-driven rain along eaves, roof penetrations, and valleys, DryRoof SA roof underlayment from CertainTeed helps prevent water intrusion by sealing around fasteners and other penetrations. UV-exposure resistant for six months, the lightweight self-adhering underlayment has a split-release backing and a slip-resistant sand surface to reduce the risk of falls. It's available in 45-pound rolls with a roll area of 195 square feet. The product is warranted against manufacturing defects and to remain watertight up to a maximum of 50 years. Contact distributor for pricing. certainteed.com



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10. Hidden Flap-Door Hinges

Grass America's Kinvaro T-Slim is a new hidden lift hinge for flap doors that reportedly doesn't take up storage space inside a cabinet and offers a clean look when the doors are open. The soft-close, spring-tensioned mechanism is only 12 mm thick; it can be inset within wood or MDF cabinet sides as thin as 16 mm. Or, the thin mechanism can be screwed onto side walls and hidden with cover plates, which are available in different colors. Hinges can be adjusted in three dimensions. Pricing unavailable. grassusa.com



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11. Smooth and Slate-Texture Pavers

Origins and Dimensions paver systems from Belgard Pavers are manufactured in multiple sizes in 3-inch increments (3x6, 6x6, and 6x9, along with 3x3 accent pieces) to reduce the number of cuts needed in the field. Origins has a slate-like texture, while Dimensions has a smooth surface. The modular sizing makes for a wide variation of layouts on patios, walkways, and pool decks. Available in multiple color blends, Origins and Dimensions can be used alone or in any combination with each other, according to Belgard. Contact distributor for pricing. belgard.com



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12. One-Step Fastener Installation

The Trex Hideaway One-Step Installation Tool holds fasteners at a 40-degree angle to keep the leading fastener lip down, allowing users to install the fastener in one step, according to the company. The lightweight and durable tool features a rotating handle and a star-drive bit located on the underside. The tool is compatible for use with the Trex Hideaway Universal Fastener system. Pricing unavailable. trex.com