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1. Easy-Install Outdoor Kitchens

Manufactured using glass-fiber-reinforced concrete for durability, Signature Kitchens and Outdoor Cabinets from Kindred Outdoors and Surrounds can be installed on any solid flooring surface without footings or rebar in a single day. Signature Kitchens are a collection of pre-designed, customizable, lightweight building blocks, cabinets, bolts, and end caps. Outdoor Cabinets can be purchased individually for custom configuration. Pricing varies. mykindredliving.com

2. Powder-Coated Aluminum Decking

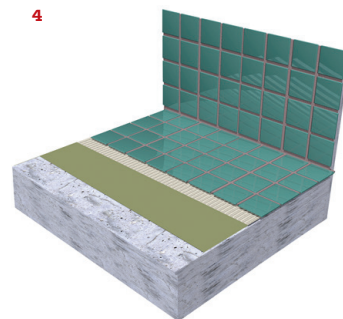
Nexan LockDry decking's powder-coated aluminum construction prevents rotting, cracking, and warping and requires no painting, staining, or waterproofing after installation. According to Nexan, LockDry stays cooler than most composite decking products in extreme sun exposure and supports up to 240 pounds per square foot of live load for heavy snowfall. Fireproof and noncombustible, the decking does not emit any toxic fumes. Contact Nexan for pricing. nexaninc.com

3. HFC-Free Sealant

Froth-Pak Spray Foam Sealant from DuPont is a two-component, quick-cure polyurethane foam that fills penetrations and cracks in rim joists, at roof-wall junctions, and around pipes and ducts. The HFC-free foam seals out moisture, dust, allergens, and pests while its application nozzle reduces overspray. DuPont says the spray foam delivers a global warming potential reduction of more than 99% compared with current formulations. Pricing varies by size. dupont.com

4. Tile Waterproofing Solutions

Laticrete has expanded its waterproofing and crack-isolation portfolio with two products, Hydro Ban XP and Hydro Barrier Plus. Hydro Ban XP is designed for use in all waterproofing applications and cures at 35°F or above. The product's lighter color helps with visibility for inspection in dimly lit areas and offers contrast for chalk and laser level lines. Hydro Barrier Plus is a load-bearing, self-curing, liquid rubber polymer that forms a seamless waterproofing, anti-fracture membrane without the need for fabric reinforcement. Sold in gallon pails, Hydro Barrier Plus and Hydro Ban XP cost \$80 and \$100, respectively. laticrete.com





5. Standing-Seam Metal Cladding

AEP Span's Select Seam Shingle Cladding is a traditional 22-gauge-metal standing-seam profile. The cladding, available in 12- and 16-inch-wide panels in lengths starting at 8 feet, can be installed vertically on solid substrates; staggering the lengths provides a shingle look. According to AEP, the cladding is code-compliant for wind uplift, air infiltration, and water infiltration. Contact an AEP representative for pricing. aepspan.com



6. Thin-Profile Cable Fencing

DSI aluminum cable fencing combines aluminum posts and rails with thin vertical stainless steel cables and aluminum pickets, allowing for minimally obstructed views of the surroundings. The fencing comes in preassembled and tensioned sections to ease installation. According to the manufacturer, its 10-step powder-coating system is PCI 4000 certified and provides a lasting color finish that can resist fading. The fencing is available in two-rail or three-rail designs in twelve standard colors in addition to textured or satin finishes. Contact a local distributor for pricing. diggerspecialties.com



7. Nailable Composite Stone Veneer

Lightweight and easy to install, Evolve Stone Mortarless Series Stone Veneer can be used for both interior and exterior applications. Formulated from the company's stone and glass-fiber composite, the veneer can be face nailed with stainless-steel finish nails using a standard finish nailer. According to the manufacturer, the veneer holds its color throughout, can be cut to fit on-site, is moisture impermeable and UV resistant, is not impacted when exposed to salt spray or freeze/thaw cycles, and performs well under wind loading. It's available in five designs and four colors. Pricing varies by region. evolvestone.com

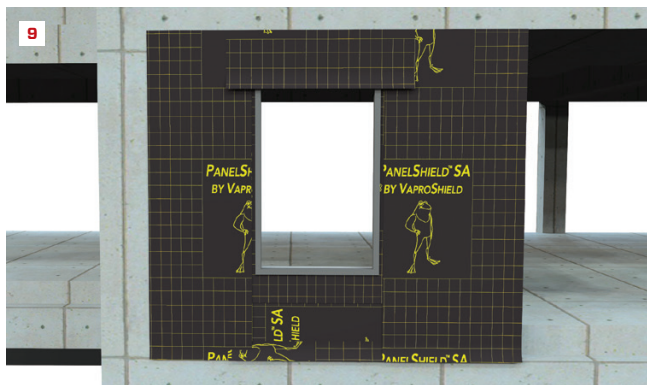
8. Decorative Post-Base Wrap

Simpson Strong-Tie's new decorative four-piece post-base wrap fits around most nominal 4x4 and 6x6 post bases; it also can be wrapped around posts without bases. Fabricated in black composite, the APBDW Outdoor Accents wrap features the arched profile of Simpson Strong-Tie's Outdoor Accents Mission Collection style. We found one for a 6x6 post for \$62 online. strongtie.com

Products

9. Polyester WRB Membrane

PanelShield SA from VaproShield is designed for use behind closed-joint screen cladding assemblies. The product is composed of a proprietary polyacrylic coating on spun-bond fabric with a specially formulated adhesive that ensures membrane adhesion on multiple substrate types, including plywood, OSB, gypsum sheathing, concrete, and steel. PanelShield SA does not require a primer. It can be installed in any weather conditions, including in temperatures below freezing, and can be exposed for up to 12 months before being covered by cladding. Contact a distributor for pricing. vaprosshield.com



10. Automated, Adjustable Pergola

Azenco's R-Blade adjustable roof pergola can be equipped with an automated louvered roof system that uses sensors to determine when to open or close: a wind sensor for strong winds, a rain sensor, and a temperature sensor in case of snow or frost conditions. The roof is made with twin-wall aluminum louvers to achieve strong sealing and resistance, and the posts feature an invisible gutter system to keep the area under the roof dry. Contact a distributor for pricing. azenco-outdoor.com



11. Energy Star Dehumidifier

The Aprilaire Ventilating Dehumidifier combines an energy-efficient dehumidifier (model EE100V) with a damper plenum (8190FF). Aprilaire says the system can minimize virus survival rates, prevent mold and mildew growth, minimize air-conditioning calls, and help protect wood furnishings and floors, while exceeding code requirements for fresh air to reduce moisture issues. Recognized by Energy Star for efficiency, the ventilating dehumidifier costs approximately \$1,800. aprilairerepartners.com



12. Panelized Stone Cladding

Qora Cut LedgeStone TightStack exterior cladding is composed of a foam core, a fiberglass-reinforced compound, and stone materials. Available in 48-inch-by-18-inch and 48-inch-by-36-inch panels, the lightweight system can be installed using general carpentry tools. Three color patterns are available to complement vinyl, wood, or fiber-cement siding exteriors. The cladding does not burn and will not rot, buckle, or delaminate over time, according to Qora. Contact a distributor for pricing. qoracladding.com

