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Power Where You Want It

The Angle Power Strip fits neatly into inside corners. Available in various lengths, it can be customized with switches, outlets, data ports, and cable jacks. Prices vary according to the number of devices: a single-pole switch and one outlet costs \$73; a 72-inch-long strip with eight outlets costs \$368. Task Lighting, 800.445.6404, tasklighting.com



Sealant With Stretch

A new Quad Max formula offers stronger adhesion and five times the stretch of other sealants, the manufacturer says. Other features include: enhanced UV resistance, cold/wet surface application, 24-hour fast cure, and color matching to 4,600-plus siding and window colors. Available August 2014 at between \$7.49 and \$7.99 per tube. OSI, 800.624.7767, ositough.com



Coordinating Doors

Clopay is offering coordinating garage and entry doors with matching paint finishes, glass options, and panel designs. Garage doors can be made from wood or steel to match fiberglass and steel entry doors. Garage door prices range from \$1,500 to \$3,900 uninstalled, depending on design and materials. Clopay, 800.225.6729, clopaydoor.com



Custom Cable Pattern

Ditra Heat is an easy-to-install electric radiant floor heat system. Simply adhere the mat to the subfloor with thinset, snap the wires into the grid, then tile over it. The mat will accommodate any cable pattern. Combined cost for the wires and mat should be about \$10 to \$12 per square foot. Schluter Systems, 800.472.4588, schluter.com



Retrofit Guardrail

Feeney's DesignRail cable-rail framing kits come in 6-foot sections for installation between existing posts. Each section includes aluminum top and bottom rails, a pre-drilled intermediate picket, and connecting hardware. Cables are not included. Kits for level rails and stair rails are available in three colors and can be used for interior or exterior applications. Cost: approximately \$185. Feeney, 800.888.2418, feeneyinc.com



Vent-Free Backup

Rinnai's 99% efficient vent-free fan convector uses an electronically controlled modulating burner and modulating fan convector to deliver just the right amount of heat. An oxygen-depletion sensor shuts the unit down if room oxygen drops below safe levels. At full speed, the fan uses about 40 watts of electricity. It's meant for use as a supplemental and emergency heater. Cost: \$500 to \$600. Rinnai, 800.621.9419, rinnai.us



Super-Efficient Hybrid

With an energy factor (EF) of 2.45, Rheem's Prestige Series hybrid electric heat-pump water heater is the most efficient the company has offered to date. A backlit touchscreen control displays service alerts and diagnostic information for contractors, while dry fire protection shuts the unit down if it's not full of water. Cost: around \$1,200. Rheem, 800.621.5622, rheem.com



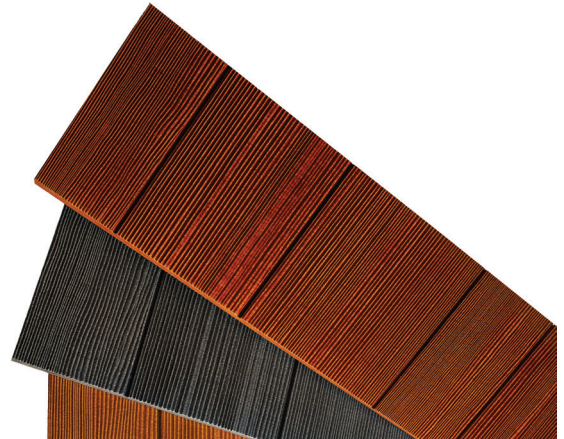
Load-Bearing Pan

The Fusion Shower Pan is a load-bearing, glass-reinforced plastic pan for curbless showers. To install: Remove the sub-floor, block around the perimeter, drop the pan in place, and seal the edges with isolation tape. Pans are available with linear, round, or adjustable drains. List cost for a 39-inch by 39-inch pan with a round drain is \$1,400. Trending Accessibility, 866.829.8335, trendingaccessibility.com



No-Shim Trim

Available for remodeling and new construction, Versatex's 5/4-inch cellular PVC Stealth Window Trim has a 3/4-inch rabbet at the edge to cover the siding. For new construction, the trim is notched so it will fit around the nailing fin and lay flat against the sheathing without shims. The 18-foot lengths come in 4- and 6-inch widths, for \$38 and \$59, respectively. Wolfpac Technologies, 724.857.1111, versatex.com



Prefinished Cement Shakes

Nichiha has added a choice of finishes to its Sierra Premium fiber-cement shakes. They now come either pre-primed or prefinished in one of the three semi-transparent colors shown. (Coatings are supplied by PPG.) Shakes are available in 9-foot 4-inch panels and have deep grooves and keyways to mimic wood, as well as full 1/2-inch thickness. Cost is \$6 to \$7 per square foot. Nichiha, 866.424.4421, nichiha.com



Low-Profile Base

Simpson Strong-Tie's CPTZ post tie is a 10-gauge knife plate on a rectangular base that keeps posts the code-required 1 inch above the concrete. Cut a vertical kerf in the bottom of a post, slip it over the plate, and secure it with the supplied galvanized pin. The base can be cast-in-place or anchored to an existing slab and is available in 4x4, 4x6, and 4x8 versions for about \$20, \$40, and \$60. Simpson Strong-Tie, 800.999.5099, strongtie.com



Washable Dust Barrier

The ZipFast Multi-Pack is a portable dust-wall-in-a-box. Each package includes seven reusable nylon panels that zip together on the jobsite to make a barrier up to 12 feet high and 27 1/2 feet wide. The panels are machine-washable and can be used with the company's telescoping wall poles (sold separately). One box costs \$439. ZipWall, 800.718.2255, zipwall.com