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1. Seascape

New to Cambria's Oceanic Collection of surfacing, bold Roxwell and Oakmoor patterns are infused through the thickness of each natural quartz slab. Roxwell (shown) has gray waves dappled with white, black, charcoal, and a touch of sparkle for the effect of surf on a beach. Oakmoor's muted cream, tan, and caramel tones with echoes of graining offer an aged driftwood look. Pricing will vary. cambriausa.com

2. Efficient Boiler

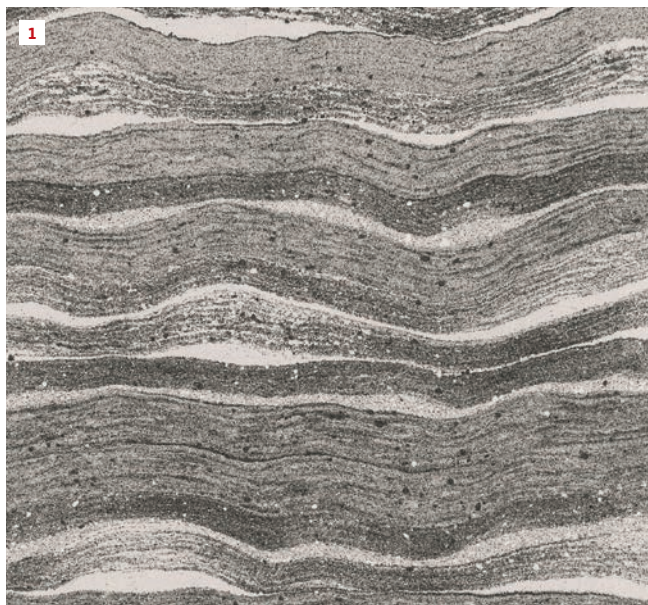
The CB Series Combination (Combi) Boilers from Noritz use high-efficiency condensing technology to deliver hot water to both plumbing and hydronic-heating applications. With 95% AFUE, the Energy Star-rated appliances can qualify for some state energy rebates. A flow-control valve delivers up to 9.2 gpm of domestic hot water at a consistent temperature, regardless of incoming water temperature. The CB Series also delivers water for space heating with radiators, baseboards, radiant systems, and air handlers. The compact, wall-hung package weighs just 90 pounds, allowing for space-efficient installation by one installer. Two models are available for different levels of demand. noritz.com

3. Anchors Away

Habito is CertainTeed's new high-density 1/2-inch wallboard that doesn't require threaded drywall anchors or nailing into wall studs for hanging fixtures up to 30 pounds. The material's strength also provides better impact resistance and sound insulation than traditional drywall. Available in spring 2016, Habito will work best for specific applications rather than for drywalling a whole house. A multi-room upgrade will cost \$300 to \$500 more than standard drywall. hellohabito.com

4. Stone Face

The Artistry Stone Masonry Veneers line from Oldcastle Architectural's Echelon brand now includes Kensley Stone Thin Veneer. With three colors that can be blended in the field, a traditional ashlar style, and a 3/8-inch mortar joint, Kensley blends an upscale limestone look with minimal installation time and cost. The lightweight, non-bearing stone veneer has higher compressive strength than similar products and is resistant to salt and freeze-thaw damage. Check with your dealer for pricing. echelonmasonry.com





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5. Reflect on This

Addressing issues with darker siding colors, Mastic Home Exteriors by Ply Gem introduces “Solar-Defense Reflective Technology” to protect against fading and panel distortion. No painting or caulking is needed, and the material is backed by a “No Fade, No Distortion Promise” and a limited lifetime warranty. The SolarDefense line features five rich colors: red brick (shown), mahogany, brandy wood, natural slate, and Newport Bay blue. Check with your dealer for pricing. mastic.com

6. Lightweight Shear

Kett Tool’s KD-1495 Fiber-Cement Shear helps promote a cleaner, healthier working environment. The handheld shear has durable steel blades and cuts fiber-cement siding and backerboard up to $\frac{5}{8}$ inch thick, while leaving behind virtually no airborne dust compared with cutting with a circular saw. Its 5-amp pistol grip, 2,500-rpm variable-speed electric motor cuts at speeds up to 26 inches per minute. The tool weighs just 4.5 pounds and has a cutting radius of 10 inches for maximum maneuverability. It’s priced at \$345. kett-tool.com

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7. Smart Security

Yale’s Linus lock operates on the “Works with Nest” program. Featuring reinforced hardware, bank-level encryption, and a keyless touchscreen, the device lets homeowners lock and unlock doors from anywhere, create passcodes for family and guests, and receive alerts based on passcode use. In homes with Nest Protect, the lock can issue voice and visual alerts if smoke or carbon monoxide is detected. Linus can also direct a Nest thermostat to switch to Home or Away mode and can turn Nest Cam cameras on and off. The lock can be operated manually with the touchscreen, as well. Pricing is being determined. yale2you.com

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8. Get in the Zone

The Aqualogic Ozone Faucet from Lenova incorporates a small ozone generator to sanitize without chemicals or residues. Because ozone oxidizes microorganisms on contact, it helps eliminate pesticides and bacteria from foods faster and more effectively than chlorine can. Available in polished chrome or brushed nickel, the Aqualogic is UPC, NSF, and FDA certified. The faucet retails for \$1,400. lenovasinks.com

Products

9. Sleek Windows and Doors

Enhancements to Weather Shield's Contemporary Collection give the product line a greater resemblance to commercial steel and aluminum windows—a trend gaining appeal in the architectural and design community. The new features include a flush frame design, and a slimmed-down 3 1/4-inch bottom rail on doors, including the bi-fold (shown). Both updates help minimize the exterior profile. Squared-off hardware reinforces the contemporary aesthetic. Finishes include eight anodized or metallic paint options for exteriors. Pricing will vary with size and options. weathershield.com

10. Whisk Water Away

Typar's new HouseWrap DW is engineered with continuous, multi-directional spacers that provide a drainage gap between sheathing and cladding. The high-performance housewrap provides 96% drainage efficiency as measured by ASTM 2273 and exceeds AC 38 drainage specifications. The design results in fast drainage for drier exterior walls, particularly in regions with significant annual rainfall. The maker says HouseWrap DW can remove 100 times more bulk water than standard housewraps. Check with your dealer for pricing. typar.com

11. Two-in-One Sealant

Suitable for window and door installations and other through-wall penetrations, Moistop Sealant and Liquid Flashing is Fortifiber's newest multi-tasking material. The two-in-one product helps eliminate gaps and the risk of problems caused by moisture intrusion. It's part of Fortifiber's complete moisture protection system, which carries a newly extended 15-year warranty on materials and labor. Fortifiber says the product is "priced competitively." Check with your dealer for details. fortifiber.com

12. Engineered Siding Introduction

Trespa North America is introducing Trespa Pura NFC (natural fiber core) exterior siding to offer the look of wood with a longer life and less maintenance. The sustainable material comprises up to 70% natural fibers, impregnated with thermosetting resins. This, plus a nonporous surface, helps ensure weather resistance. The innovative material doesn't need to be painted, cleans easily, and resists stains, scratches, and rot. Available in six natural wood tones and easy to handle and cut, Trespa Pura NFC can be installed horizontally or vertically, side-by-side or in lap style. Look for pricing around \$12 per square foot. trespa.com

