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1. Seamless Window Frames

Available in arched or gable styles with matching picture windows, the Essence Radius Casement window has concealed hinges and no visible fasteners. The exterior frame is fabricated with a CNC water jet from a single sheet of a durable phenolic material for seamless construction. Options include three solid wood interiors that match Essence Series windows and doors, 16 powder-coated exterior colors, numerous window grids, and five finishes for the handle. Operable casements range in heights from 20 to 84 inches. Pricing varies, as each window is custom-made. milgard.com

2. Sound Decision

Delta's BreezIntegrity ventilation fan features a Bluetooth speaker alongside a 70-cfm fan, so users can enjoy music, podcasts, and other entertainment as they start and end their days. Its compact size makes the fan suitable for retrofits and for replacement of older bath fans, and even with the integrated speaker, the unit is Energy Star-qualified. The Breez line also includes a 70-cfm bath fan with a dimmable LED light. Pricing will be finalized when the fan is available in April. deltabreez.com



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3. Modern Finish

Danze introduced its Satin Black finish on traditional styles a few years ago, and now brings that finish to its more contemporary Mid-town bath collection and Mid-town and Parma pull-out kitchen faucets. The matte finish is a stylish contrast to white tile or cabinets, and a complement to dark appliances or grout. The Mid-town single-handle lavatory faucet (shown) is a single-hole design with a laminar flow, and is available in a water-saving 1-gpm model. Pricing ranges from \$300 to \$450. danze.com



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4. Slim Chance

Installation of SlimLine railing is made easier with a template for a measurement-free bracket-to-post connection. The railing assembly is secured by notched balusters that join the bottom rail and top subrail; space between the top caprail and subrail accommodates in-rail LED lighting. Railing kits come in 6- and 8-foot lengths, and in an 8-foot stair kit. Choose from textured bronze or textured black, with a white finish forthcoming. Check with your dealer for pricing. fairwaybp.com

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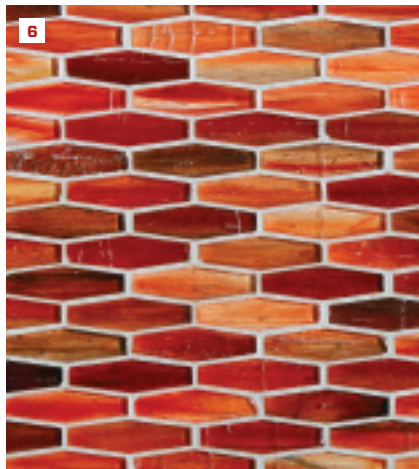
5. Square Off

The Razionale above-counter vessel lavatory sink has a minimalist contemporary shape, in keeping with a growing trend toward square styles. It measures 18³/₈ inches by 18¹/₂ inches, and the basin itself is 17 by 17 inches square. An integral rear overflow has a chrome-finished overflow cover. Look for pricing around \$215. mansfieldplumbing.com



6. Out of Africa

Add a bold accent to backsplashes, shower walls, and other tile applications with Lunada Bay Tile's new Marrakech Red selections. Part of the Tozen glass tile collection, the translucent red-glass tiles recall the exotic spices, vivid fabrics, and famous tiled roofs of their Moroccan namesake. Choose from "Martini" elongated hexagons (shown), 1/2-inch-by-1-inch mini bricks, and 1/2-inch-by-4-inch or 1-inch-by-4-inch bricks, in natural or silk finishes. Tozen glass tiles contain 70% post-consumer recycled glass. lunadabaytile.com



7. Smart Integration

Rheem is expanding its EcoNet product line (introduced in 2015) by offering integration with the Nest Learning Thermostat. On the "Works with Nest" platform, the thermostat can communicate with EcoNet-enabled electric and hybrid heat-pump water heaters, lowering temperature settings when users are away from home. Gas-enabled water heaters will be added to the program later in the year. The maker says that the Prestige heat-pump water heater with EcoNet and Works with Nest technology offers a 2.45 energy factor and an average 2-year ROI with \$4,000 in savings over the life of the unit. rheem.com



8. High-End Wood Flooring

Smokehouse Oak is part of Mannington's top-of-the-line Maison Collection of hardwood floors. The European design features 7-inch-wide planks that measure 9/16 inch thick and run up to 7 feet long. Detailed with hand-staining and distressed for a time-worn look, Smokehouse Oak has a contemporary matte finish, with three hues to provide variety and visual interest among boards. The maker says that the engineered hardwood flooring won't buckle, gap, cup, or twist, and that unlike solid wood, it can be installed below grade and direct to concrete. Average price is \$10 per square foot. mannington.com



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9. Panels of Protection

GP has combined sheathing with a moisture barrier in its ForceField Air and Water Barrier System. The $\frac{7}{16}$ -inch-thick panels are laminated with a material that eliminates the need for housewrap. Specially-formulated seam tape seals the system to prevent air infiltration and leaks, the maker says, and can be applied to the panels at temperatures as low as 0°F. At \$3 to \$4 more per panel than OSB, ForceField is more expensive, but the maker says ForceField saves up to 37% on labor compared with standard sheathing-plus-housewrap installation. gpforcefield.com

10. Take Time to Vent

Guard against roof degradation, ice damming, and mildew growth with the Cobra IntakePro Rooftop Intake Vent. The vent also helps improve attic ventilation and airflow when installed with existing soffit or under-eave vents in a balanced ventilation system, the maker says, and eliminates the need for time-consuming alterations at the soffit. Instead, the vent rolls out and fastens with $1\frac{3}{4}$ -inch coil nails (included). The vent is tested to withstand wind-driven rain, snow, and ice-dam infiltration. Check with your distributor for pricing. gaf.com

11. Get Up and Go

Available in a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thickness for floors and a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thickness for walls, GoBoard is Johns Manville's new ultra-lightweight waterproof tile backerboard. The maker looked to its polyisocyanurate commercial roofing panels as the basis for the new product, which is lighter than cement board and can be installed in residential and light-commercial tile applications. GoBoard can be scored and cut on-site with a utility knife, and only needs to be sealed at the joints and fastener locations upon installation. Panels are priced between \$25 and \$28. jm.com

12. Light Selections

Shine the right light on the job with Klein Tool's new illumination line. The collection's water- and impact-resistant headlamp, for instance, is designed for electricians and has a 45-degree tilt, spotlight and floodlight modes, and an anti-slip silicone strap pre-adjusted to fit a hardhat. Other products in the line include a slide-focus flashlight, a penlight, and a clip light. All run on AAA batteries—for at least five hours on high mode and up to 10 hours on low, the maker says. kleintools.com



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