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1. A Wall Finish With a Soft Touch

Looking to provide a tactile experience with paint, Benjamin Moore has launched Century, its first “Soft Touch Matte” finish, which the company says feels like a soft leather glove. The paint’s 75 color options draw inspiration from natural elements such as minerals, gems, spices, and plants. Century is made only in small batches and is available in a premixed gallon for \$125 or in a 4-ounce sample for \$10. benjaminmoore.com

2. An Extra-Low-Flow Toilet

The new Viper from Gerber is a two-piece, high-efficiency toilet with a 1.0-gallon-per-flush (gpf) rate. WaterSense-certified, the Viper saves even more water than recent 1.28-gpf toilet options, according to the company. The toilet has a 2-inch trapway for clog-free waste removal, a 3-inch flush valve for faster water flow and flushing power, and a Fluidmaster 400A fill valve for durable, long-lasting operation. The Viper is available in white and costs \$300. gerberonline.com



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3. Automated Indoor-Outdoor Living

Thermally insulated and impact-resistant, Ply Gem’s 4880 Patio Door is available in two-, three-, and four-panel sliding and pocket configurations, with sliding multi-panel openings up to 8 feet high by 16 feet wide. The pocket-style door recesses into the wall for unrestricted access between indoors and outdoors. New for 2017, the door can be upgraded with an automated operating system that allows homeowners to control it from anywhere with the included remote or the DreamView app for smartphones. Price for the door varies based on configuration and color. plygem.com



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4. A Durable Countertop With a Natural Look

Walker Zanger’s newest surface material, Secolo Porcelain Slabs, combines the look of marble with the benefits of porcelain. Durable and dense, porcelain makes for a low-maintenance, stain- and scratch-proof countertop option. Porcelain is usually between 3mm and 6mm thick, but this product is 12mm thick (still thinner than natural stone), allowing Walker Zanger to produce slabs up to 126 inches by 63 inches for use as countertops. The line offers 12 colors, including surfaces that resemble cement and wood. Price varies by size and color. walkerzanger.com

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5. A Contemporary Corner Window

The newest addition to Marvin Windows and Doors' Contemporary Studio line is a Contemporary Direct Glaze Corner Window. Its narrow jamb depth of $2\frac{3}{16}$ inches makes for a clean and uncluttered corner window that sits flush to a home's exterior. The window maximizes views with sizes up to 84 inches by 120 inches in vertical or horizontal orientations. The window became available in clad only at the end of August. Contact your local dealer for pricing. marvin.com

6. A Smart Solar Door Lock

The Brinks Home Security Array Deadbolt is a smart door lock that connects with WiFi to provide security and convenience. Since the system is cloud-based, the lock can be installed without adding a gateway hub or other additional equipment. Homeowners can control the lock remotely from a smartphone or smartwatch, or manually with the front touch keypad or a traditional key. The lock is powered by a battery system and a built-in solar panel. It will be available in the fall, for \$250. arraylock.com

7. A Low-Maintenance Wood Look

Wolf Home Products has introduced the Wolf Signature line of cabinetry with the company's proprietary "SmartShield." SmartShield is a continuous, protective laminate wrap that emulates the look of painted wood while reportedly reducing the effects of moisture intrusion, delamination, and cracking that can occur with painted wood. Wolf Signature With SmartShield cabinets are available for "quick ship delivery" in one door style and four finishes, and as a special order in three additional door styles in four finishes. Wolf Signature cabinets also come in nine maple door styles in 13 finishes and two birch door styles in 10 finishes. Pricing varies. wolfhomeproducts.com

8. A Bath Suite to Fit Small Spaces

The Petite collection, part of Ronbow's Aravo line, is a line of vanity fixtures designed for a small bathroom. Measuring 18 inches wide by 14 inches deep, each vanity has extra elements like an LED mirror and a hairdryer holder. A ceramic sink top fits on top of the Petite vanity; the sink has a geometric beveled shape with a removable drain cover that's integrated into the floor of the sink to hide the drain. The Petite comes in two color combinations: glossy white with sandy oak, and glossy empire gray with smoked walnut. Pricing varies by fixture. ronbow.com

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9. A High-Intensity Sealant for Extreme Weather

Dap's new Extreme Stretch is a urethanized acrylic sealant that reportedly reduces cracking around windows, doors, siding, baseboards, molding, countertops, sinks, and more as homes shrink and expand with the weather. The company claims that the elastomeric sealant is waterproof, flexible, and durable, and that it provides stronger adhesion than the competition. The product is low in odor, cleans up with water, and is paint-ready in two hours. The price ranges from \$5.50 to \$6.50. dap.com

10. LED Light for Stone Countertop Surfaces

Nora Lighting's Bravo Frost LED 120V Linear Fixture is an undercabinet trim light that features a frosted lens and asymmetrical internal reflectors to deliver even illumination, making it ideal for polished countertops, such as granite and stone. The trim lighting is less than an inch deep, for a contemporary look, and comes in four lengths—12, 18, 24, and 32 inches. Each fixture has a self-contained electronic driver and produces 500 lumens at 7 watts per foot; units are linkable up to 400 watts (about 50 feet) and dimmable with an ELV dimmer. The extruded aluminum housing comes in either a bronze or a white finish. Pricing varies by size. noralighting.com

11. Jobsite Dust Management

Known for its Dust Barrier System, ZipWall has introduced the ZipWall Mat, a sticky mat that helps prevent tracking dust in and out of a work area. The adhesive surface of the mat is long enough for two steps and reportedly captures dust from shoes, casters, and wheels when placed directly outside the plastic dust barrier of the work zone. A ZipWall Mat Starter Kit can be purchased on the company's website for \$92.50; the kit includes a pad of 30 adhesive sheets and a reusable, non-skid base. zipwall.com

12. A Smart Vapor Barrier

Moisture in the wall cavities of homes is inevitable, but builders can still choose products to combat mold build-up. CertainTeed's Smartbatt insulation with "MoistureSense" features an integrated vapor barrier that reacts when humidity is low or high and adjusts airflow accordingly. The company says that once installed, Smartbatt requires little maintenance and is ideal for high-moisture areas such as crawlspaces, basements, bathrooms, and laundry rooms. CertainTeed's website provides a price estimate calculator based on region. certainteed.com

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