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### 1. Fireclay Sinks

Italian kitchen designer Bocchi's product line, recently introduced to the U.S., includes four kitchen-sink design series. Made from natural and recyclable fireclay that's kiln-fired at 2,000°F, Classico, Contempo, and Vigneto sinks feature a farmhouse style with apron fronts, while Sotto sinks have an undermount design. Bocchi says that a glaze coating fused with the fireclay creates a nonporous surface that resists scratches, stains, and calcium deposits. Sinks include a removable protective bottom grid and are available in nine finishes. Pricing ranges from \$350 to \$2,200. [bocchiusa.com](http://bocchiusa.com)



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### 2. Residential Glass Rinser

Delta Faucet, with the help of Indiegogo's Enterprise Services, has reimaged a common bar and restaurant fixture—the glass rinser—for residential use. The rinser may be installed alongside a new or existing sink or faucet. When the user presses a drinking vessel onto the rinser, a center-positioned spray will jet in several directions to rinse off residue or dust. Runoff water then funnels into the sink below. The rinser is slated for potential release next year and is preselling for \$95. [www.deltafaucet.com](http://www.deltafaucet.com)



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### 3. Energy-Efficient Boiler

Weil-McLain's new wall-mount line of combination and heat-only boilers, the AquaBalance Series 2, combines an AFUE rating of 95% with on-demand domestic hot water and a space-saving, easy-to-install package. AquaBalance comes in three sizes (80, 120, and 155 mbh input), in both combi and heat-only versions. It produces a constant supply of hot water up to 4 gpm at 70°F temperature rise. The company says that simple, user-friendly controls make installation and operation easy. Pricing starts around \$2,700. [weil-mclain.com](http://weil-mclain.com)

### 4. Soft Rain Showerhead

Hansgrohe's PowderRain shower spray, newly available on a range of Hansgrohe's Raindance showerheads, is designed to produce a spray of "micro-fine" water droplets. PowderRain showerheads incorporate multiple fine openings in each nozzle, which the company says creates a powder-like sensation, reduces splashing, and retains warmth on the skin. All are available in chrome and brushed-nickel finishes. Pricing ranges from \$160 to \$830. [hansgrohe-usa.com](http://hansgrohe-usa.com)

## Products

### 5. Composite Ipe Siding

Tropical Ipe Décor #PU30, Trespa's new option in its Pura NFC siding line, is designed to look like untreated ipe but require less maintenance. Trespa Pura NFC composites are made from up to 70% natural fibers, which are infused with thermosetting resins. According to the manufacturer, the siding's closed surface is designed for UV stability and weather resistance and doesn't need to be painted or lacquered. Contact a local distributor for pricing. [trespa.com](http://trespa.com)

### 6. Handheld Thermal Camera

Seek Thermal has created a handheld thermal camera for professional use. The Seek Shot and Seek ShotPro cameras allow users to detect heat sources—including leaks, electrical shorts, mechanical faults, and energy loss—inside or around walls without damaging the envelope. Its touchscreens allow the user to capture images in a number of colors or use the device's "SeekFusion technology" to adjust the blend between visible and thermal images. The Seek Shot features a 206x156 thermal sensor, while the Seek ShotPro features a 320x240 sensor. Both measure temperatures from -40°F to 626°F. The Seek Shot retails for \$500, and the Seek ShotPro for \$700. [thermal.com](http://thermal.com)

### 7. Wood Moisture Meters

Wagner Meters' has introduced a new line of Orion wood moisture meters for professional wood flooring installers and inspectors, quality-control managers, and woodworkers. The new pinless Orion line measures both in and on the wood, according to the manufacturer. The meters build off their MMC/MMI predecessors by adding dual-depth measurement and in-the-field calibration with an integral rubber protective boot and rugged case design. Prices range from \$320 to \$480. [wagnermeters.com](http://wagnermeters.com)

### 8. Induction Cooktop With Touchscreen Control

BlueStar's 36-inch Touch Induction Cooktop features touchscreen controls rather than knobs. The electric cooktop lies flush with any countertop and has five 5,500-watt burners, each with three levels of heating performance, which the company claims heat up faster than a gas burner. A seamless two-burner bridge function allows users to grill with an add-on, dual-zone griddle. Safety features include a safety lock, pan detection, and hot-surface indicator light. The maker says that the black ceramic glass surface is scratch and stain resistant. Pricing starts at \$3,000. [bluestarcooking.com](http://bluestarcooking.com)



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### 9. Smart Touchscreen Thermostat

Johnson Controls' Glas smart thermostat uses a translucent OLED touchscreen display to control its functions. Users can touch the screen to change the temperature, monitor indoor and outdoor air quality, and track energy savings. Alternatively, the unit can be controlled by mobile app or voice, via Microsoft's Cortana. Glas can also report humidity, total VOCs, and equivalent carbon dioxide. When connected to the internet, the unit can monitor pollen count and UV index and can turn on ventilation equipment when air quality falls below moderate levels. Pricing starts at \$320. [johnsoncontrols.com](http://johnsoncontrols.com)

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### 10. Skylights for Metal Roofs

Metal-roofing manufacturer Architectural Metal Supply has developed a product to help roofers and builders flash a skylight in a metal roof. The patent-pending product, dubbed EZ Curb, aims to save workers' time and ensure a watertight installation, according to the company. EZ Curbs are made with 12-gauge aluminum and an integrated diverter. They come in three standard sizes, with custom sizing available upon request, as well as in an array of colors. Pricing for standard sizes and colors ranges from \$415 to \$530. [archmetsupply.com](http://archmetsupply.com)

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### 11. Stainless Steel Counters

Federal Brace has recently announced the return of Stainless Steel Island Countertops to its residential product line. The countertop material boasts a contemporary, modern flair that would look at home in a chef's kitchen. Stainless steel is durable, stain-resistant, nonporous, and heat tolerant, and it also provides fast and easy cleanup, according to the manufacturer. The prep surface is sold in the standard island size of 50-by-26-by-1.5 inches, but custom sizes are also available. Pricing for the counter starts at \$870. [federalbrace.com](http://federalbrace.com)

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### 12. Kitchen Hardware

The knobs and handles in Amerock's newest hardware collection, Carrione, are inspired by Italian Carrara marble. The metallic bases feature two geometric rings that cross over the top of the marble-look handle, which pairs angular textures with rounded ends. The collection is available as a 2 1/2-inch knob and 3 3/4-inch, 5 1/16-inch, and 6 5/16-inch pulls. The zinc knobs and pulls come in a marble-white base color with a choice of five metallic handle and accent finishes. Pricing ranges from \$15 to \$40. [amerock.com](http://amerock.com)