





1. Modern Vanities

Linear and modular styling define the Stratos Vanity Collection from Hastings Tile & Bath. The Stratos-Linear vanity (shown) consists of a solid-surface countertop that appears to float over lower and side cabinets, which may be offset to the left or right. Drawers come in 35 matte or glossy finishes and three wood-laminate finishes, and countertops come in three matte or six glossy finishes, including yellows, mandarins, and reds. Prices range from \$2,980 to \$4,250. hastingstilebath.com

2. Mediterranean Tile

The Medina tile is the newest addition to the StoneImpressions Artisan Collection. Inspired by Mediterranean architecture, the pattern features gold latticework with a choice of onyx or turquoise accents. Available in limestone or marble, tiles are sealed with a three-part acrylic topcoat to provide durability in wet spaces, backsplashes, and light flooring applications. The tile can be ordered as a quick-ship product in 6x6 or 12x12 sizes, or special-ordered with custom features. Pricing ranges from \$18 to \$75 per piece. stoneimpressions.com

3. Bacteria-Killing Light

The ellumi LED bacteria-killing light, first launched as an undercabinet luminaire, is now available as a shower-safe recessed retrofit light. Evolution Lighting and healthcare-solutions-provider Vital Vio combined their respective lighting and bacteria-killing technologies to create the light. Instead of using UV to combat mold, fungi, and bacteria, Vital Vio's proprietary process uses LEDs. The shower light fits standard 5- and 6-inch recessed cans and has both a lighting mode and a disinfection mode. It costs \$90. ellumilighting.com

4. Compact Gas Furnace

The new Bosch 80% AFUE Gas Furnace, BGS80 Series is the first-ever non-condensing gas furnace in Bosch Thermotechnology's lineup. The system is designed to deliver up to 80% AFUE heating efficiency. The cabinet's compact, 33.75-inch height and four-way multipoise design help it fit in tight places. Other contractor conveniences include a natural-gas-to-LP fuel conversion kit, left- or right-hand connection for gas and electric service, and a removable bottom closure panel. Contact a local distributor for pricing. bosch-climate.us

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5. New Take on Vintage Kitchen Hardware

Atlas Homewares' new Bradbury collection mixes vintage hardware features with modern design. The pulls have rounded edges and fine details on either side of a straight center bar, while the knobs' rounded tops and flared bottoms frame a straight-edged central ring. This transitional stance complements both traditional and modern aesthetics, according to the manufacturer. All knobs and pulls are available in brass, polished-nickel, brushed-nickel, polished-chrome, and matte-black finishes. Prices range from \$7.45 to \$40.45. atlastothetrade.com

6. Labor-Saving PEX Valve

Plumbing solutions provider Keeney Manufacturing Co. has unveiled its No Crimp PEX valve. The maker says that the push-on, quarter-turn valve with a compression sleeve creates an installation identical to compression valves, without the need for special tools, by compressing the sleeve around the pipe as the nut is tightened. While the sleeve compresses, a split ring and internal barb keep the pipe round, and a double O-ring seal helps prevent leaks. Valves retail for about \$18. keeneymfg.com

7. Smart Control Panel

The Brilliant smart-home control is now available for consumer purchase. Designed to replace any existing light switch, Brilliant provides a wall-mounted control hub for dozens of compatible smart devices, with simple touch, voice, and motion controls. Other features include a microphone and camera with a privacy shutter; storage space to display photos, art, or seasonal themes; and the ability to program custom "scenes" around a single touch or verbal command. The hub is available in one-, two-, three-, and four-switch configurations, starting at \$300 for the one-switch hub. brilliant.tech

8. Exterior Door Installation

Dap has introduced its QuickKit for installing an entry door. Available in a range of configurations and styles with jamb-size options, kits include all necessary installation materials, from sealants and shims to sill pans and hardware, according to the manufacturer. The system accommodates single doors with rough openings up to 40 inches wide, double doors with openings up to 80 inches wide, and sliding doors with openings up to 72 inches wide. Pricing starts at \$90. dapquickkit.com









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9. Curbless Shower Trays

Schluter-Systems has introduced three reduced-thickness shower trays. The Kerdi-Shower-TT trays feature perimeter heights of one inch or less to simplify construction of curbless shower entries, according the company. Besides the addition of the thin line, all Schluter trays now feature an integrated waterproof membrane on the top of the tray. The pre-installed waterproofing can be incorporated with Schluter's Kerdi drain lines to construct a watertight system in one less step. Pricing varies based on tray size and shape, from \$87 to \$325. schluter.com

10. Solar Roof Shingles

Solar manufacturer Sunflare debuted a series of solar residential shingles at the Solar Power International Show this year. Designed to cover the entire roof, the thin-film shingles install with standard methods and snap-together electrical connectors. The manufacturer says that the lightweight, waterproof shingles are encapsulated in durable, lightweight polymer solar sheets and have a temperature coefficient of -.31% per 1°C (for each degree the shingle warms, its output decreases .31%). Each cell has a by-pass diode, so only shaded cells become inactive if in shadow, according to the maker. Pricing will be available soon. sunflaresolar.com

11. Smart Ventilation

Home-technology company Alea has launched an air-management platform called Alea Air. The new HVAC system replaces standard registers with smart vents that the manufacturer says can track and adjust temperature and monitor air quality. The vents have 11 sensors and robotic louvers and are enabled by a cloud-learning system that analyzes data and sends instructions to vents based on room-by-room preferences, weather forecasts, occupancy, and room size and orientation. Available in January 2019, a starter kit with three vents and the connectivity Airhub can be preordered for \$380. Additional vents cost \$120 each. alealabs.com

12. Sleek Bath Faucets

California Faucets has added a new handle option to its Rincon Bay collection of mid-century-modern bath faucets and shower and tub fixtures. According to the manufacturer, the new cross handles are available on all Rincon Bay fixtures, including an 8-inch widespread faucet, a wall-mount vessel faucet, a Roman tub faucet, a tub/shower faucet, and a shower handle. Pricing starts at \$650. calfaucets.com









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