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1. Stone-Look Luxury Vinyl Tile

Tarkett has introduced nine stone-inspired designs to its ProGen rigid-core luxury vinyl tile (LVT) collection. The manufacturer says that ProGen flooring is dimensionally stable and that it resists indentations from drops, high heels, and furniture. An acoustical backing absorbs sound, helping the flooring earn its IIC rating of 60. The 12-by-24-inch tiles, which can be cut with a utility knife, click together for easy installation. Pricing ranges from \$5.50 to \$6.50 per square foot, depending on location. tarkett.com



2. Economical Composite Decking

Deckorators Trailhead decking is an economical wood-plastic composite product offering a 25-year structural, 25-year stain-and-fade, and 25-year removal-and-replacement limited warranty. The 7/8-by-5-inch boards are available in 12-, 16-, and 20-foot solid and grooved-edge profiles. According to Deckorators, the decking has a highly compressed core and a durable and scratch-resistant polyethylene cap, and it can be installed on 16-inch-on-center joist spans. Trailhead is expected to retail in the low \$2-per-lineal-foot range and will be available in early January 2021. deckorators.com



3. Energy-Efficient Dryer Exhaust Duct Ventilator

Fantech's DEDPV-705 dryer exhaust duct power ventilator is designed to provide safe laundry exhaust, reduce drying time, and save energy. The manufacturer claims that the UL-listed fan maintains exhaust velocity ideal for keeping lint entrained in the flow of air to minimize the risk of fires due to lint buildup. The ventilator continues to operate briefly after the dryer stops, cooling clothes and removing humid air. A panel informs users of problems such as a locked rotor or duct blockage. The DEDPV-705 costs \$450. fantech.net



4. FlexTemp Acrylic Paint

FlexTemp Exterior Acrylic Paint from Sherwin-Williams can be applied in temperatures from 35°F to 120°F, providing professionals a longer painting season and helping prevent schedule delays caused by unexpectedly high or low temperatures. The 100% acrylic paint is available in flat, satin, and gloss sheens and can be tinted in VinylSafe paint colors. One gallon of FlexTemp is \$75.50. www.sherwin-williams.com

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5. Stone Wool Insulation

Rockwool has added R-13, R-21, and R-38 batts to its Comfortbatt line, and introduced dimensions for wood-stud applications to its AFB (acoustical fire batt) line, previously sized only for steel-stud applications. Comfortbatt is a semi-rigid stone-wool batt insulation for exterior wood- and steel-stud walls, ceilings, and floors that features a flexible edge designed to expand the batt to completely fill a stud cavity. AFB is a lightweight stone-wool insulation for interior walls, ceilings, and floors that the maker says provides greater sound reduction and fire protection than Comfortbatt. Both products are non-combustible and resist temperatures up to 2,150°F. Contact local distributors for pricing. rockwool.com

6. Stainless Steel Pulldown Faucet

Made with 316 marine-grade stainless steel to resist rust, pitting, corrosion, and staining, Waterstone's Contemporary Positive Lock Pulldown (PLP) Faucet is suitable for both indoor and outdoor kitchen applications, according to the manufacturer. The faucet is offered in standard, extended, or prep sizes. Pricing for the PLP starts at \$3,000. waterstoneco.com

7. Residential Hot Water Boiler

Weil-McLain's Eco Tec high-efficiency boiler is available in combi versions with response time and domestic hot water output designed for residential replacement applications. The boiler, which features a long-lasting firetube heat exchanger, is easy to install, use, and service, the manufacturer claims, and operates quietly, with a 95% AFUE rating. The combi versions are available in 110, 150, and 199 MBH with hot water output up to 5.4 gallons per minute. The product includes built-in zone control and connects up to four thermostat inputs. Pricing varies by distributor. weil-mclain.com

8. Deflector Screw Fasteners

Strong-Drive SDPW Deflector screws from Simpson Strong-Tie are designed to connect nonbearing, full-height partition wall top plates to trusses or joists. Simpson says the fasteners help provide lateral resistance and allow walls to deflect with the truss or joist, while the screw's polymer sleeve helps eliminate squeaks from metal-on-metal connections. The screws, available in 3 1/2-, 5-, and 6-inch lengths, allow contractors to manage up to a 1 1/2-inch gap between the top plate assembly and the joist or truss. Contact a local distributor for pricing. strongtie.com





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9. DCS Grill Attachments

DCS launched new attachments for its built-in and freestanding outdoor kitchens. The Power Burner provides precise temperature control ranging from 70,000 to 1,300 Btu, and features a cast brass burner, two illuminated dials, and grates designed to provide stability for pots. The Grid-dle attachment offers a large surface area with precise temperature control, two independent temperature zones, and even heat distribution, according to DCS. Contact local distributors for pricing. dcsappliances.com



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10. No-Weld Aluminum Railing

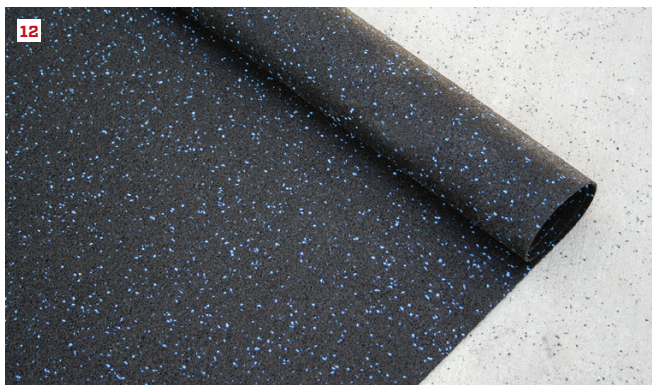
Superior Aluminum Products' Series 9000 aluminum railing features a no-weld design with simple, cast aluminum fittings for no-hassle installation, and has machined post openings that eliminate the need for brackets, according to the manufacturer. A screw cover conceals picket screws on the top and bottom rails. The railing is available in any height and is built custom to project requirements. Superior Aluminum says the railing is maintenance-free and meets OSHA, ADA, and ICC safety criteria. Pricing varies by region. superioraluminum.com



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11. Mono-Finish Lavatory Faucets

Sonoma Forge expanded the finish options for its Strap lavatory collection of deck-mount and wall-mount widespread lavatory faucets and tub fillers to include five solid finishes in addition to two split finishes. The manufacturer says the mono finishes have a softer look while the split finishes provide a more robust aesthetic. The spouts can be adapted to become hands-free sensor faucets. Pricing for mono finishes starts at \$975 for the deck-mounted faucet and \$1,350 for the wall-mounted faucet. sonomaforge.com



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12. Acoustical Underlayment System

Laticrete's high-performance acoustical underlayment system, the 170.5 Sound & Crack Isolation Mat, muffles noises through hard surfacing materials. The 5mm-thick, rubberized membrane, comprised of 88.5% post-consumer recycled materials, helps prevent substrate cracks of up to 1/8 inch from transferring to the finished floor, according to Laticrete. For interior use only, the Greenguard-certified underlayment applies quickly and easily to concrete, mortar beds, exterior glue plywood, cement backer board, cement terrazzo, cement tile, and stone, the manufacturer claims. Contact local distributors for pricing. laticrete.com