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1. Durable Steel Pergolas

Made with steel, Fortress Building Products' pergolas benefit from the material's modern aesthetic, low maintenance, weatherability, and resistance to fire, corrosion, twisting, insects, and rot. The pergolas can be configured in numerous custom setups—without specialized tools—in three style options, and then finished with composite boards. Pergolas include a 25-year limited warranty; pricing for one that measures 10 feet by 12 feet starts at \$1,500. fortressbp.com



2. Low-Maintenance Mortarless Stone Veneer

The stones in ClipStone Classic veneer from Cornerstone Building Brands are installed individually without mortar using an embedded self-spacing metal clip. These clips, which simply screw to sheathing or OSB, also hold the veneer off the wall to create a drainage plane and provide air circulation. According to the manufacturer, the stones have beveled sides to make them easier to position during installation, and once installed, the veneer requires no maintenance or sealing. The ClipStone line also includes a mortarless ColumnWrap and will be adding a large-format panel. Pricing is \$14 to \$15 per square foot. myclipstone.com



3. Hybrid Stain and Sealer

YellaWood Protector semi-transparent stain and sealer, an acrylic-oil hybrid that includes water repellents and UV inhibitors, can be used for wood decks, fences, siding, pergolas, gazebos, and outdoor furniture. The manufacturer recommends applying two thin coats. Protector comes in three shades as well as clear, in one- and five-gallon buckets. Pricing varies. yellawood.com



4. Coated Structural Fasteners

Intended for wood-to-wood connections in exterior structural applications with treated lumber components, Spax PowerLags T-Star Washer Head wood lag screws with HCR (high corrosion resistance) coating have a low-profile, large-diameter wafer head that the manufacturer claims provides additional surface area under the head for superior pull-down force. They require no predrilling and are available in 1/4-inch, 5/16-inch, and 3/8-inch diameters in lengths up to 10 inches. Pricing varies. spax.us

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5. Sturdy and Elegant Wood Cabinets

NorthPoint Cabinetry's two collections of all-wood cabinets have plywood cases reinforced with solid-wood corner blocks and include dovetail drawer boxes. The Essentials collection features cabinets with partial-overlay Shaker-style doors and slab-front drawers, while cabinets in the Premier collection feature upgrades like soft-close doors and drawers and full-overlay doors in a choice of two styles. Cabinets are available in various sizes and finishes, including a new slate finish. Pricing varies by project. hardwareresources.com/northpoint-cabinets



6. Multi-Slide Patio Doors

Weather Shield Contemporary Collection and Premium Series aluminum-clad wood multi-slide door systems are available either in stacked configurations or hidden inside a pocket wall, in options up to 57 feet wide and 12 feet tall. Panels move on a four-roller system, and the slide jambs incorporate glass-reinforced nylon endcaps to easily connect to sills using an interlocking dovetail joint. The Energy Star-compliant doors cost from \$8,000 to \$40,000. weathershield.com



7. Fiberglass Insulation

CertainTeed's InsulPure Fiberglass Building Insulation is fabricated with a fiberglass binder formula free of synthetics, additives, and coloring. Lightweight and easy to cut, InsulPure creates less dust during installation, promoting improved air quality and quicker jobsite cleanup. According to CertainTeed, the insulation has improved rigidity to help it stay in place between wall studs. The fire- and high-temperature-resistant product meets or exceeds all green building performance standards and is available in batts and rolls 3 1/2 to 15 inches thick and 15 to 24 inches wide. Contact CertainTeed for pricing. certainteed.com



8. Textured Wall Tiles

Island Stone's Ledger Panel and Ledger Corner textured wall tiles combine the aesthetic of split-face, tightly stacked stone cladding with an easy-to-install, large-format panel, according to the manufacturer. The tiles are suitable for interior walls, kitchen backsplashes, fireplace and shower walls, and exterior walls. The Ledger Corners come in two sizes that fit together at a right angle. The Ledger Panels measure 23 5/8 inches by 5 7/8 inches and are 5/8 inches thick. Contact a distributor for pricing. islandstone.com





9. Aesthetic Cabinet Pulls

Ormonde and Ulster Series cabinet pulls from Top Knobs are designed to be easy to grip. The Ormonde series (shown) incorporates bowed lines and beveled detailing, while the Ulster series features deep ridged contours. In the Ormonde series, knobs are 1³/₈ inches, and pulls range from 3³/₄ inches to 12 inches; in the Ulster series, knobs are 1¹/₄ inches, and pulls also range from 3³/₄ inches to 12 inches. Pricing for the two series ranges from about \$8.50 to \$170. topknobs.com



10. SmartSide Mounting Blocks

LP SmartSide Trim & Siding has introduced SmartSide J-Blocks (shown) and SmartSide Mini-Splits for mounting around a variety of exterior fixtures. Both are composed of primed engineered wood-strand substrate and feature a cedar-grain texture. The J-Blocks are 7.23 inches long, while the Mini-Splits are 6.75 inches long. Both products are 7.21 inches wide and 0.970 inch thick to provide durability and stability. Pricing for both products varies by region. lpcorp.com



11. Pourable High-Performance Flooring

Of the four new color palettes for Sherwin Williams' line of High Performance Flooring, three may be applied across the company's portfolio of seamless, resinous flooring systems while one applies only to terrazzo floors. Deco Flake System Colors combine multicolored vinyl chips with resin, Deco Quartz System Colors consist of quartz aggregate combined with resins, ResuFlor Topcoat Metallic System Colors combine resin with natural stone-mimicking pigments, and Terrazzo System Colors feature hues of marble, granite, and other aggregates. sherwin-williams.com



12. Durable Swinging Doors

Marvin's Ultimate Swinging French Door G2 is available in inswing and outswing configurations, and offered in heights up to 10 feet with four-panel configurations in widths up to 14 feet. Made with solid-wood interiors and extruded aluminum-clad exteriors with rot-resistant fiberglass sills, these doors can withstand even the harshest climates, says the manufacturer. For security, the doors have a multipoint locking system with concealed lock-status sensors that can connect to a smart home system to indicate when the door is closed and locked. marvin.com