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**1. Multi-size Shower Tray**

Composed of engineered stone and the manufacturer's compound of polyurethane and mineral fillers, the Largo shower tray from Acquabella is offered in a range of sizes—36x36, 36x66, 60x30, 60x32, and 60x36 (inches)—with the drain located on the longest side. The low profile enables a recessed installation for a flush-to-floor fit or a standard installation with a small lip. Trays are available in either a stone or a concrete finish. acquabella.us

2. All-in-One Decking Kit

Fortress Building Products customizable Deck Kits include steel deck framing, stairs, decking, A113 Plus aluminum railing, and the hardware required to build out a 12-by-12-foot deck. Your customers can choose the configuration—free-standing or attached; the decking—Apex or Infinity I-Series decking (in a variety of colors); and the stair height—three, five, seven, or 10 steps, or no stair. Pricing starts around \$7,300. fortressbp.com

**3. Post-consumer Recycled Decking**

Made by Avon Plastics from post-consumer recycled plastic, the Armadillo Essential line comprises grooved- and solid-edge deck boards with fluted bottoms; fascia; and 2x4s. The plastic-composite boards are capped on four sides with polyethylene and are available in four colors: dovetail, saw grass, saloon, and thunder (pictured). The manufacturer says deeper embossing makes the surface more resistant to scratching. Products come with a limited lifetime warranty and two years of labor coverage. armadillodeck.com

**4. Enhanced Construction Tape**

Avery Dennison has launched several new Performance Tape constructions. These include a low-VOC acrylic tape for interior, foam-bonding applications (FT 8299); an acrylic and rubber differential tape for bonding foam to plastic or vinyl (FBD 8393 and FBD 8393 12 PT, pictured); and a single-coated foil tape that reportedly performs well in high-moisture conditions and can be applied in temperatures as low as 0°F and withstand temperatures as low as -35°F and as high as 325°F (FL 0833 PCK). averydennison.com

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5. High-Performance Exterior Paint

The upgraded formula for Dutch Boy Maxbond Plus exterior paint delivers extreme adhesion as well as improved dirt resistance, according to the company. Maxbond Plus can be applied directly over sound, nonpeeling, previously painted surfaces ranging from chalky to dirty to glossy. The company says the paint resists fading, mildew growth, and cracking and can repel rain within 90 minutes of application. dutchboy.com

6. Panelized Wood-Grain Stone Veneer

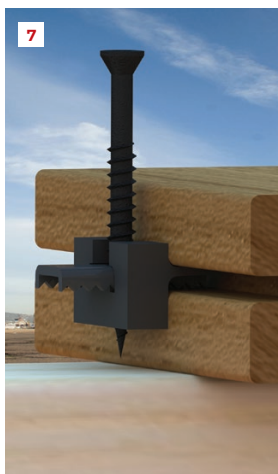
Inspired by 19th century barns, Rivenwood from Eldorado Stone is a panelized stone veneer profile with wood-grain characteristics such as nails, breaks, and knots with a patina that blends natural wood colors with tonal grains. Available in three colorways, panels are 4 inches high, 35 3/4 inches long, and between 3/4 inch and 1 3/4 inches thick. eldoradostone.com

7. Hidden Deck Clip

The Grip-Rite Ninja Hidden Deck Clip is designed to save deck builders time when installing Wolf, Trex, and Fiberon grooved deck boards. Integral compression-fit levers hold the clip in place, helping to speed the installation of deck boards, while serrated metal teeth hold boards securely in place. Each clip is preassembled with a Grip-Rite PrimeGuard Max 316 stainless steel coated fastener, eliminating the frustration of and time spent fumbling for fasteners and manually threading them into the clip. Suggested retail price for a 50-square-foot box is \$50 and for a 500-square-foot tub, \$400. primesourcecbp.com

8. Ledger Bracket for Brick Veneer Siding

To simplify installation of an attached deck to a house clad with brick or stone, DeckStruc steel ledger brackets are engineered to transfer loads from the deck ledger directly to the house framing, relieving the house band joist and the brick or stone veneer claddings from carrying any structural loads. Designed to be installed 4 to 5 feet apart, the brackets provide a 6-inch-wide gap between wall sheathing and the inside face of the deck ledger. They consist of an interior mounting channel that bears on the top plate of a framed wall and fastens between the floor joists, and an exterior ledger support that through-bolts to the mounting channel. Pricing starts at about \$162 per bracket. deckstruc.com





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9. Four-in-One Exterior Insulation Panel

StoneCoat says its Fusion system replaces four layers of materials used in exterior wall systems: exterior insulation, sheathing, water and vapor barriers, and metal lath. Compatible with most exterior claddings, the carbon-neutral panels feature structural insulated sheathing and integrated masonry backing. Panels with standard 2-inch foam are rated at R-10; foam up to 6 inches thick is available. Seams are sealed with composite laminate tape to form a continuous air and water barrier. The company's cladding can bond directly to the panels. stonecoat.com

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10. Self-Sealing Joist and Ledger Deck Tape

Camo self-adhesive butyl Joist + Ledger Deck Tape self-seals around fasteners to protect wood deck framing against moisture. The tape can be applied to the top of joists and ledger boards, between joist hangers and the ledger, between rim joists and fascia, and between framing and joist hangers. The 65-foot roll is available in three widths: 1 5/8 inches (\$29), 3 1/8 inches (\$57), and 6 inches (\$114). camofasteners.com



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11. Fast-Cure Acrylic Roof Coating

GacoFlex A48 single-component, high-build, acrylic roof coating can be applied up to 80 wet mils thick in a single pass. The manufacturer says the coating, which can be applied for maintenance over most existing roof substrates, offers a long roof life, strong adhesion, high tensile strength, and reflectivity. The water-based solution is zinc-free, contains zero VOCs, and can be sprayed from a standard acrylic spray system. It is resistant to rain as soon as 30 minutes after application and cures fully in about eight hours, according to the manufacturer. gaco.com



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12. Interior and Exterior Hybrid Sealant

DAP AMP (advanced modified polymer) hybrid All Weather sealant is approved for both exterior and interior applications. The manufacturer says the formula creates a weatherproof and waterproof seal that can protect against fading, discoloration, and damage from harsh weather and endure expansion and contraction caused by sun, heat, cold, wind, and rain. Paint- and water-ready in 30 minutes, the sealant can be applied on wet and damp surfaces and used in temperatures from 0°F to 140°F. A 9-ounce container costs \$11. dap.com