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1. Stainless Apron Sink

German sink and faucet maker Blanco has modernized the look and function of a classic farm sink with its Quatrus R15 Ergon Apron Super Single sink. Made with 18-gauge stainless steel and measuring 33 inches wide, 20 1/2 inches long, and 9 inches deep, the Quatrus R15 Ergon has a rear-positioned drain hole and a high ledge for optional accessories, including a grid, steel colander, and wood cutting board. Pricing starts at \$1,400. blanco-germany.com



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2. Wide-Plank Paver

Belgard's newest outdoor paver, Madria Slab, is designed for outdoor spaces, including walkways, patios, and pool decks. The concrete planks imitate the look of wood grain using Belgard's Satura coating, which is resistant to stains, scratches, and fading and allows homeowners to forgo sealing their pavers for 10 years, according to the manufacturer. Pavers are 15 inches wide, 30 inches long, and 2 3/8 inches deep and are available in the Midwest market, in two colors: almond brown and pewter. Contact a local distributor for pricing. belgard.com

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3. Efficient Gas Furnace

Bosch Thermotechnology's BGH96 Series is the company's first-ever condensing gas furnace. The Energy Star-rated BGH96 furnace incorporates a two-stage gas valve that switches between high- and low-fire settings. It may achieve up to 96% AFUE heating efficiency, according to the manufacturer. The BGH96 furnace's low height and three-way multipoise design allow for ease of installation and replacement of existing furnaces. All units come standard with a natural-gas-to-LP kit. Contact a local distributor for pricing. bosch-climate.us

4. Glass Door Refrigerator

True Residential has expanded options for its True 48 refrigerators with the new True 48 Glass Door Refrigerator. The side-by-side refrigerator features a glass panel on the right-hand door and a solid panel on the left, with the contents of the adjustable shelves and produce drawers on display. Like the standard True 48, the refrigerator is made from 304 stainless steel, with 29.4 cubic feet of interior storage. It is available in all custom color and hardware options in the Build Your True collection. Pricing starts at \$18,000 without custom finishes. true-residential.com

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5. Contemporary Patio Door

Weather Shield Windows & Doors has a new sliding patio door in its Contemporary Collection that offers larger sizes, improved performance, and advanced sill design. With a 2 1/4-inch-thick door panel, the new door expands maximum panel widths up to 5 feet and heights up to 10 feet. The door has a multi-point locking system, TPE synthetic rubber weatherstripping, precision bearing rollers, and a low-profile 1 1/4-inch sill. It can be shipped assembled or loose and installs like standard sliders. Contact a local distributor for price. weathershield.com

6. Hands-Free Door Installation

The Door Stud is a hands-free device designed to simplify installation of doors on the jobsite. Made from 12-gauge steel, the Door Stud will accept a 1 3/8- or 1 3/4-inch door weighing up to 300 pounds and will hold a door slab upright in a jamb opening at the precise location to scribe and set the hinges and the passage or lockset. Or it can be used to set prehung units into rough openings using shims or clips. Wheels allow you to quickly and easily move the door in and out of the opening, and adjustments of the wheel height allow you to plumb the door by leveling across the device. A pair works for a single door installation; two pair for a French door. Retail is about \$270 per pair. Larger models that can accommodate heavier (up to 600 pounds) and thicker (up to 3 inches) doors are available. thedorstud.com

7. Deck Installation Tool

National Nail's Camo Stand Up Drive tool was designed to address key fastening and installing challenges faced by deck builders, including speed, versatility, and affordability, according to the manufacturer. The tool attaches to the installer's own drill and allows installers to stand up while they fasten deck boards. According to Camo, the Stand Up Drive can install decking much faster than other tools. Pricing starts at \$170 and includes three end-fastening attachments, for face screws, Camo Edge Clips, or Camo Edge Screws. nationalnail.com

8. Clear Waterproof Sealant

Dap Products says its new Ultra Clear Flexible All Purpose Waterproof Sealant applies clear and stays clear, with no hazing, yellowing, cracking, or breaking down over time, in both interior and exterior applications. Ultra Clear is available in a 10.1-fluid-ounce cartridge and 5-fluid-ounce squeeze tube. Prices start in the \$9 to \$10 range. dap.com



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9. Automatic Bath Fan

Fantech's new Pro Plus series of bathroom fans offer features such as automatic motion and humidity detection. Sensors activate the fan when necessary and automatically shut it off when it is not in use. The motion sensor turns the fan on at half speed when someone enters the room, while the humidity sensor powers the fan to full speed. Pro Plus fans operate with a brushless DC motor and produce sound levels as low as 0.3 sone. Onboard speed control delivers between 80 to 140 cfm. Pricing ranges between \$215 and \$255. fantech.net

10. No-Mix Foam Insulation

Icynene-Lapolla has announced its first no-mix polyurethane spray foam insulation, Icynene OC No Mix. Designed to provide long-term energy-efficient performance and cost savings, the formula does not need to be mixed on site. It is recommended for use in a structure's critical insulation areas and creates a continuous air barrier once applied, according to the manufacturer. The formula may be used in any climate zone and applied across a wide range of temperatures. It firmly adheres to framing and substrates, and may be used to fill the gaps in stud wall construction. Installed costs vary by region; contact a local distributor for pricing. icynene.com

11. Concrete Deck Piers

Perma-Column's reinforced concrete deck piers, which come in 4x4 and 6x6 sizes and in 30-inch and 40-inch lengths, recently received International Code Council certification. The rebar-reinforced piers come fitted with a U-shaped 1/4-inch powder-coated steel bracket for elevating a wood post above the ground. A 40-inch-long 4x4 Perma-Column weighs about 50 pounds and costs about \$50. A 6x6 pier the same length weighs about 105 pounds, and costs about \$80. Uplift anchors and 12-inch column extenders are also available, for \$17. permacolumn.com

12. Ivory-Inspired Brick

Eldorado Stone recently added a new color called Osso to its RomaBrick collection. It includes warm ivory tones, but stays true to the collection's wider-proportioned profile inspired by ancient Rome, with irregular shapes to provide visual interest. RomaBrick varies in length from 9 to 10.25 inches and 1.5 to 2 inches in height, with corners available. Pricing varies by project, but typically runs \$7 to \$9 per square foot. eldoradostone.com

