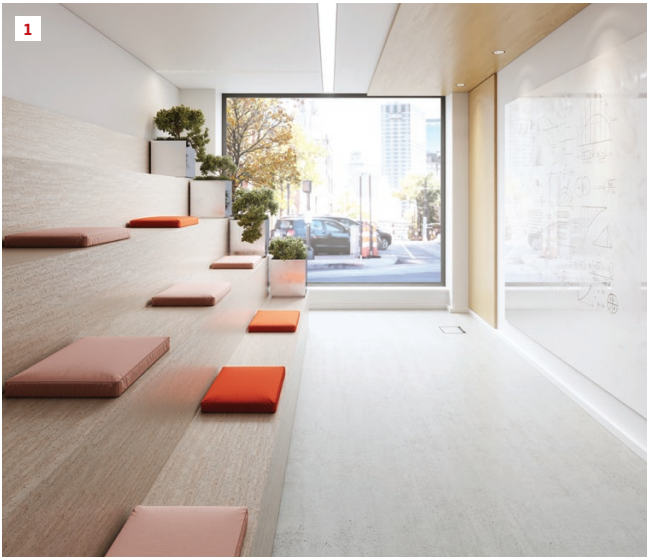


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### 1. Acrylic Surface Material

The antibacterial, mold- and mildew-resistant, nonporous, and low-VOC solid surfaces in the Balanced Collection by Durasein are fabricated with two-thirds alumina trihydrate and one-third acrylic resins and pigments to form a dense, stone-like material that can be cut with standard woodworking tools, as well as thermoformed. It's available in four palette options, including gray-brown mixed naturale (pictured). Pricing varies but is approximately \$430 per 1/2-inch-by-30-inch-by-144-inch sheet. [durasein.com](http://durasein.com)

### 2. Affordable Composite Railing

Trex Co.'s Select T-Rail offers a white composite railing with a classic T-design on top and two infill options at a price that competes with that of PVC railing. Customers can choose between black, round aluminum balusters and white, square composite balusters. Components are made from a minimum of 40% recycled materials. Sold in 36-inch and 42-inch heights and 6-foot and 8-foot lengths, kits include all the hardware needed to assemble a section of rail. Post caps, sleeves, and skirts are sold separately. [trex.com](http://trex.com)



### 3. Hybrid Sealant

StoSeal STPE Sealant is a low-odor, isocyanate-free, one-part hybrid sealant with a VOC content of 8 grams per liter. Sto Corp. says the sealant is resistant to moisture and weathering and provides primer-free bonding to most substrates. Packaged in 20-ounce sausages, the sealant is available in eight standard colors and can be top coated with elastomeric coatings to suit most color requirements. [stocorp.com](http://stocorp.com)



### 4. Lightweight, Versatile Titanium Hammer

Stiletto says its new Trimbone Titanium Hammer weighs 45% less than a standard steel hammer and reduces recoil shock vibrations. Equipped with a compact D-face and trim claw, the hammer fits in tight spaces. The trim claw pulls 2D to 16D nails, while a 180-degree side nail puller is ideal for 2D to 10D nails but can pull nails up to 16D. Replaceable colored grips and steel faces help extend the life of the hammer. It retails for \$240, with accessories starting at \$25. [stiletto.com](http://stiletto.com)

## Products

### 5. Engineered Hardwood Flooring

In June, AHF Products introduced two Hartco-branded engineered-hardwood flooring collections with wire-brushed surfaces: Woodland Traditionalist and Dutton Pass. Woodland Traditionalist flooring sports a matte finish with scratch and stain resistance and an antimicrobial component that inhibits the growth of bacteria, according to the company. The Dutton Pass planks are made with white oak and have a low-gloss finish with nano aluminum oxide to resist scratches and stains. Both styles are offered in 6 1/2-inch-wide planks and varying lengths from 10 to 60 inches. [hartco.com/en-us](http://hartco.com/en-us)



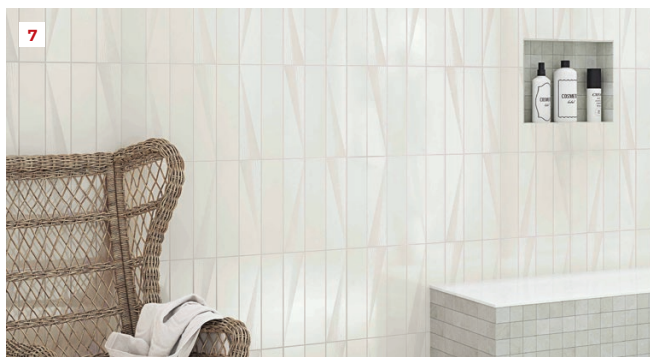
### 6. Extruded-Aluminum Cabana Kit

Fabricated with powder-coated extruded aluminum, StruXure's Cabana X is a four-post, four-beam, 17-louver structure that the manufacturer says assembles quickly and withstands most weather conditions. The pivoting louvers can be adjusted using a hand-held remote. Prefabricated decorative wall panels, curtain rods, and fold-out couches as well as pre-cut architectural corbels can be added to multiple sides. [struxure.com](http://struxure.com)



### 7. Multipurpose Ceramic Wall Tile

The Snippet collection of ceramic wall tiles from Crossville is offered with two faces, a left and right mirrored image of a geometric pattern, allowing for an array of installation designs. Offered in five tone-on-tone colorways—cotton, stone, coal, warm silver, and lipstick—in a large, 3-inch-by-12-inch format, the tiles can be installed in vertical indoor applications, including kitchen backsplashes and showers. [crossvilleinc.com](http://crossvilleinc.com)



### 8. Shou Sugi Ban Siding

Shou sugi ban siding from Nakamoto Forestry is made from Japanese cypress that is intensely burned as a preservative treatment. Instead of kiln-drying the wood for several days at low heat, Nakamoto air-dries its siding planks slowly and uses a flash-burning heat treatment. The siding will weather and change color over time, though oil can be applied to maintain color. Shou sugi ban siding is available in three finishes: suyaki (pictured), gendai, and pika-pika. Sukayai features a thick layer of soot that remains intact and provides an alligator-like skin texture. [nakamotoforestry.com](http://nakamotoforestry.com)





### 9. Modern Aluminum Rail

Available in 6- and 8-foot lengths and 36- and 42-inch heights in both level and stair-rail versions, Deckorators Aluminum Rapid Rail kits have a matte black, powder-coated finish that resists scratches and corrosion, according to the manufacturer. Each kit includes drop-through square balusters, two-piece base and cap rails, brackets, hardware, and installation templates. Post kits—2 1/2 inches and 4 inches—matching gates, and continuous top rail brackets are sold separately. We found a kit for a 6-foot-by-36-inch rail section for \$150 online. [deckorators.com](http://deckorators.com)



### 10. Metal Roofing Tile

ProVia Barrel Tile 26-gauge metal roofing is galvanized on both sides and fortified with a GalvaTec coating that protects against mold, mildew, and UV rays. The manufacturer says that the roofing tiles are engineered to withstand 130-mile-per-hour winds and have a Class 4 impact rating and Class A fire rating. A Kynar 500 ceramic pigmented finish provides a low-sheen, matte appearance, while a resin-based topcoat protects the roofing tiles from dirt, mildew, and algae stains. The profile is offered in four colors. [provia.com](http://provia.com)



### 11. Luxury Glass Wall

With panel sizes as large as 10 feet tall and 5 feet wide, Milgard AX550 Moving Glass Walls can cover an expansive area to let in ample natural light and blur the line between where the indoor space ends and outdoor living begins. Narrow frame profiles allow for even sightlines. Available in stacking, pocket, and bi-fold configurations in four colors, the doors operate with ease, according to the manufacturer. [milgard.com](http://milgard.com)



### 12. Durable, Multiuse Exterior Stain

The UV- and water-damage resistance provided by Solid-Color Exterior Deck, Fence, and Siding Stain promotes longer durability than traditional stains, according to its manufacturer, Dunn-Edwards. The water-based, matte-sheen stain is tintable in 50 colors and covers 325 to 375 square feet per gallon. The stain dries in one to two hours and can be recoated after four to six hours, according to the manufacturer. One gallon can be purchased from the Dunn-Edwards e-commerce site for \$61 plus shipping. [dunnedwards.com](http://dunnedwards.com)