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Low-Cost Backup Power. According to Generac, the new *CorePower System* offers all the safety and convenience of an automatic standby power supply at a price only a little higher than that of a portable generator. The 7-kilowatt unit comes prepackaged with a 50-amp transfer switch and eight



circuit-breakers. It operates on natural gas or liquid propane and is at least 10 decibels quieter than competitive units, the company says. Prices start at \$1,700.

Generac Power Systems, 888/436-3722, generac.com.

Any-Color Caulk. *OSI QUAD* is a premium exterior sealant that sticks to wet surfaces, does not accumulate dust, and “self-tools” into a concave shape, says the maker. It comes in 350 standard hues and can be formulated to match just about any color. The company offers a smartphone app that includes a database of standard window, door, and siding colors. A 10-ounce cartridge of OSI QUAD costs about \$5.50.

Henkel Corp., 800/624-7767, osipro.com.



Volcanic Work Surface. *Pyrolave* is made from slabs of lava extracted from a volcanic crater in France, then glazed with enamel and fired in a 1,000°F kiln. Its maker says that the resulting work surface is unaffected by corrosive products, acids, or extreme temperatures and can be used indoors or out. The product comes in 32 colors and finishes; pricing starts at \$330 per square foot.

Pyrolave USA, 919/788-8953, pyrolave.com.



Slate Look. CertainTeed's *Highland Slate* is a single-layer fiberglass shingle that duplicates the texture and color of natural slate. The four-tab 18-by-36-inch shingles are rated for high-wind zones (an impact-resistant version is also available) and come in six colors. They cost about \$130 per square.

CertainTeed Corp., 800/233-8990, certainteed.com.

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Premium Decking. Each board in the new *Heritage Collection* of 2x6 redwood decking is hand-picked and run through the planer at low speed to give it a refined finish, says the maker. The boards are milled with a crowned top surface, beveled edges, and drip channels that shed water. Prices start at \$1.75 per linear foot. The collection also includes two types of railings.

California Redwood Co., 866/797-7474, california-redwoodco.com.

Fancy Knobs. An easy way to add pizzazz to a humdrum kitchen is to upgrade the cabinet pulls. The knobs in Atlas Homewares' *Dream Glass Collection* feature swirling patterns created with fused glass and metal. They're

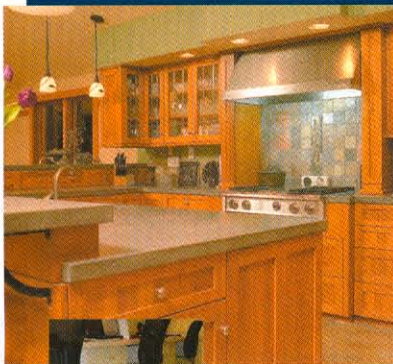


1 1/2 inches wide, come in round or square shapes with bronze or chrome trim, and cost \$22 apiece.

Atlas Homewares,
800/799-6755,
atlastothetrade.com.

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