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## Italian Etched Cabinet Glass Inserts

**Bendheim** has released its Italian etched cabinet glass inserts that are acid-etched to produce a satin-like, smooth surface. The acid-etched glass is resistant to dirt and stains while being a consistent and maintenance-friendly surface. **Circle 15** or visit [directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209985](http://directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209985)



## Eco Collection Towel Warmers

**Vogue UK** has introduced its Eco Collection of towel warmers. The low-watt, all-electric units come in a variety of sizes. The warmers are available in antique bronze, antique copper, antique gold, chrome, dark gold, oil-rubbed bronze, pewter, polished nickel, satin chrome and satin nickel, as well as can be customized. **Circle 18** or visit [directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209995](http://directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209995)



## Flo-Free Leaf Guard

**DCI Products** has released its Flo-Free Leaf Guard that eliminates clogged gutters. The 3/4-inch-thick, black nylon product fits inside any gutter system or can be installed in new seamless gutters. It prevents leaves, twigs, pine needles, snow and other debris from clogging water's natural flow. **Circle 17** or visit [directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209999](http://directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209999)



## Eco-performance Kitchen Faucets

**Moen** has introduced eco-performance kitchen faucets with three water-flow settings: eco-stream, eco-spray and fast-fill. The eco-stream and eco-spray modes provide a reduced flow rate of 1.75 gpm and use up to 32 percent less water. The fast-fill mode for filling pots flows at the standard 2.2-gpm rate. **Circle 16** or visit [directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10210003](http://directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10210003)



## The Drywall Repair Tool

**Template LLC** has made available The Drywall Repair Tool to simplify the repair of drywall. The flexible plastic template enables the user to replicate the knockdown texture with spackle and a putty knife. The traditional spray treatment is eliminated. **Circle 19** or visit [directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209991](http://directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209991)



## StareCasing Overlay System

**StareCasing Systems Inc.** has introduced its signature StareCasing hardwood overlay system. The stair-remodeling system transforms a carpeted or worn staircase in one day without demolition or reconstruction. The system comes in a variety of wood species, finishes and stains. **Circle 20** or visit [directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209981](http://directory.qualifiedremodeler.com/10209981)

# Glass Countertops

ThinkGlass Green Countertop Solution Creates a Conversation Piece for Any Home

In today's remodeling-market landscape, smaller-scale remodels are growing in popularity. To maximize dollars, homeowners are looking for attention-grabbing enhancements, like countertop replacement. Boisbriand, Quebec, Canada-based ThinkGlass Inc., whose products were presented in the October 2010 issue, page 53, employs a thermoforming process to create glass countertops with new or repetitive textures, blending function with art.

- Glass countertops are nonporous and stain-resistant; they also can endure high heat without cracking or scorching.
- Countertop edges can be finished in a polished, textured or brushed treatment while the slab can be produced in 10 standard textures or a custom texture.
- ThinkGlass offers 1 1/2-, 2-, 3- and 4-inch depths; 1 1/2 inch is the standard thickness.
- Countertops come in two standard colors: crystal, a low-iron glass, ranging from virtually colorless to light blue in appearance, and aqua, a deep-green natural-glass hue.
- ThinkGlass countertops can be lit with LEDs in true white or a multicolor option, which can be programmed to change colors or remain on one color.
- ThinkGlass creations contain 25 percent pre-consumer recycled content and are 100 percent recyclable.
- The company follows green manufacturing practices: All scrap glass during the manufacturing process is recycled. Rainwater operates glass-cutting equipment, and transportation crates are made from deadwood to avoid cutting healthy trees.



For a personalized look, colors can be added or mixed together and embedded into the glass slab.

## Comparative Companies:

### ICESTONE DURABLE SURFACES

The surface material is made from recycled glass placed in a cement matrix. Available in a variety of colors, the material can be used for countertops, tables, vanities or flooring.

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### LUMICOR RECYCLED GLASS PANELS

Architectural resin panels are embedded with glass aggregate from crushed bottles, plates, windows and other recycled glass products. Lumiguard can be applied to add antimicrobial properties. **Circle 35**

For more information about **THINKGLASS INC.** and its glass countertops, **circle 33** or visit [qualifiedremodeler.com/10206101](http://qualifiedremodeler.com/10206101).

