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## 12 | WIDE-PLANK AND DIAMOND-HARD VINYL

Two options offer the appeal of real wood with the durability and water resistance of man-made. From the top: Versallia Oak Visions Collection planks, by Carlisle, are extra-wide and -long (7¼ by 60 inches) and slightly thicker than most, with five grain variations for a natural look. Armstrong's diamond-infused 6-by-48-inch Vivero Gallery Oak and Amarela Heartwood planks, each with 14 different grain patterns, can withstand whatever your household dishes out. *Versallia*, \$5.99 per square foot; *wideplankflooring.com*. *Vivero*, from \$4.50 per square foot; *armstrong.com*

## 13 | HIGH-STYLE HARDWARE

Dramatic buckle-like pulls come in fashionable finishes like French gold as well as polished chrome. This year's "it" finish, copper, updates the traditional bin pull. *Tableau Collection*, from \$10; *atlashomewares.com*. *Mission bin pull*, from \$11; *rejuvenation.com*

## 14 | GIANT HEXES

The classic shape in a supersize format, this 24-by-20-inch tile is available in six accommodating shades including, from left, Black, Grey, Ashgrey, and White. Mix two or more, or put down a floor in one soft neutral. *Bee Hive ColorBody porcelain*, \$9.53 per square foot; *daltile.com*

## 15 | FASTER CLEANER

This front-loader targets stains with steam and by premixing detergent and water before the cycle begins (why don't all washers do that?). It also has a speedy 15-minute quick-wash



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cycle—and a matching dryer. *LuxCare Wash and SmartBoost washer*, \$1,100; *electroluxappliances.com*

## 16 | MOCK MARBLE

Why mess with natural stone's upkeep when there's a porcelain look-alike this convincing? This 12-by-24-inch floor and wall tile could finish a bath nicely. *Statuario Matte*, \$6.99 per square foot; *tilesshop.com*

## 17 | WRINKLE DESTROYER

Don't let the retro look and feather weight of this cork-handled iron mislead you: It's powered by high-pressure steam. While the iron can double as a garment steamer—in fact, it can't rest standing up—this is a serious tool for those who sew or just like freshly pressed sheets. *Maven 100IS*, \$199; *reliablecorporation.com*

## 18 | POP-IN TUB 'N' SHOWER

Sleek makeover idea for an existing 60-by-60-inch space: an acrylic tub and separate shower pan that come as



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one piece with individual drains. It also comes on wheels to slide into a vacant spot and includes a tub spout. You supply other fittings—and the door. *Aquazone*, \$2,995; *aquabrass.com*

## 19 | SHINY LIGHT

Another way copper finishes are blinging up kitchens and baths: on light fixtures. We love this flush-mount's sleek drum shade. *Blanche Flush Mount Lamp*, \$199; *cb2.com*

## 20 | FURNITURE STYLE

There's no end to the desire for cabinets that mimic cupboards and sideboards. An emerald hue, Sherwin-Williams's *Espalier*, adds oomph to this hutch—just one of thousands of colors available from this cabinetmaker. *ColorInspire Estate Collection hutch with Cortland door style*, about \$2,000, pulls and countertop not included; *wellborn.com*

## 21 | SLIDE-OPEN CABINETS

A godsend for narrow spaces, these cabinets have push-to-open sliding doors. No hinges, no banging. *Glide-by Base*, from \$4,134; *omegacabinetry.com*



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