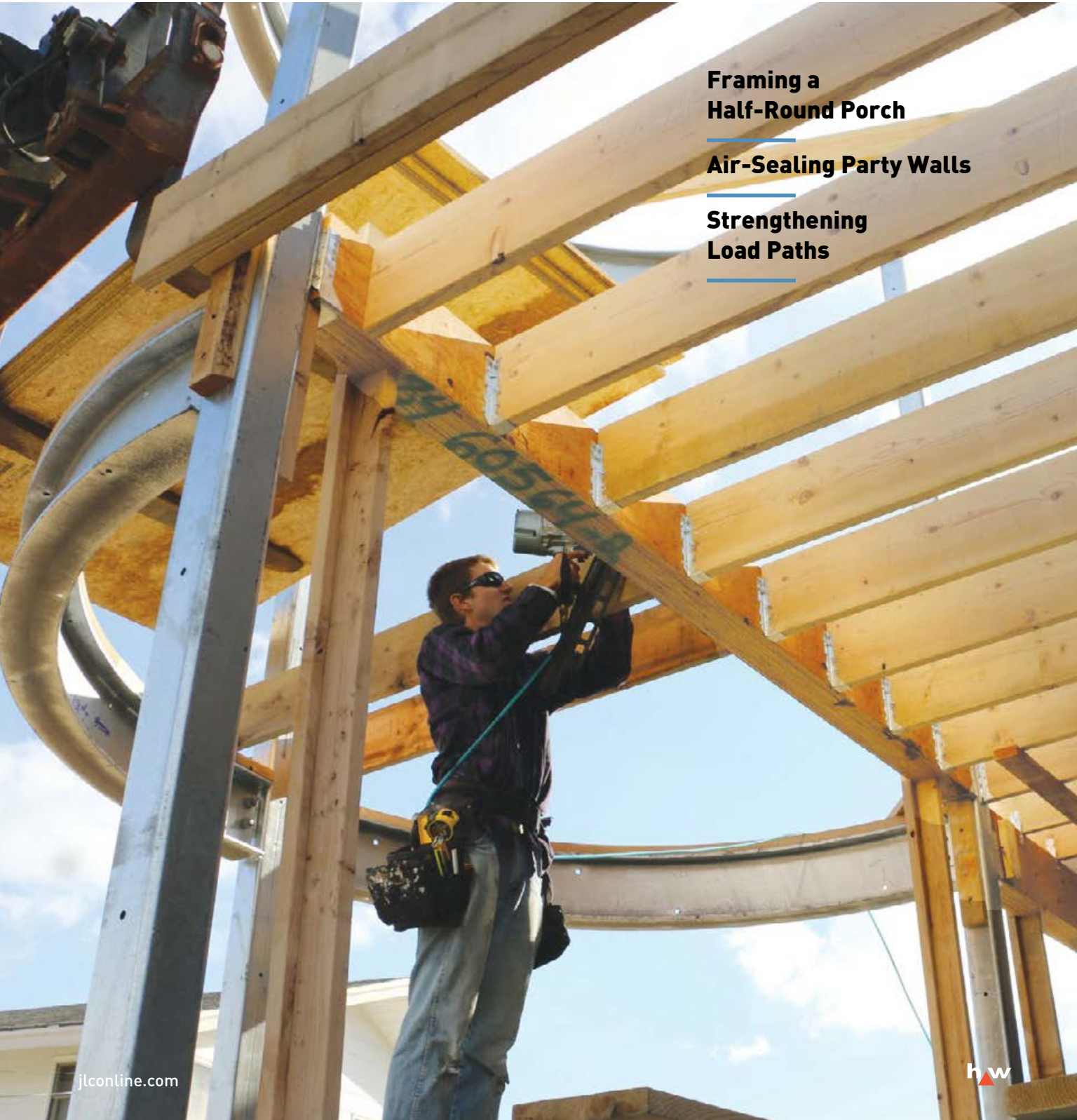


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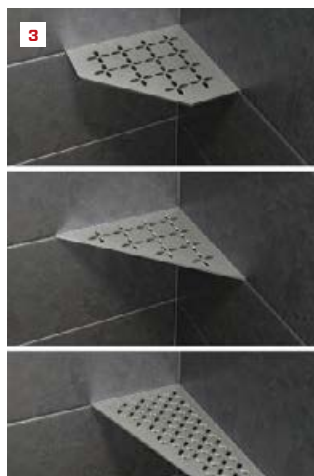
### 1. Modern Window Collection

Marvin Windows and Doors has introduced Marvin Modern, a new line that incorporates a modern-style frame with a high-density fiberglass exterior and aluminum interior. All frames maintain a sight line of less than 3 inches, even when multiple panes are mullied together. Frames are available in ebony, bronze, anodized/silver, gunmetal, or stone white, with an option to split interior and exterior finishes. The line currently includes a Multi-Slide Door and Direct Glaze Window and will expand to include casement and awning windows this year. Contact a local distributor for pricing. [marvin.com](http://marvin.com)



### 2. Crystal Door Knob

Nostalgic Warehouse's Round Clear Crystal Knob features a minimalist circular shape that magnifies the facets beneath. The manufacturer says the door knobs are made with lead-free crystal and are suitable for both interior and exterior doors. The knobs can be paired with a variety of backplates and finishes to create customized looks. Pricing for the knob with plates ranges from \$125 to \$175. [nostalgicwarehouse.com](http://nostalgicwarehouse.com)



### 3. Stainless Shower Shelves

The  $\frac{5}{32}$ -inch-thick brushed stainless steel Schluter shower shelves are made to fit between rows of shower tile, and do not require additional materials or tools for installation. The rectangular Shelf-N fits inside Schluter's Kerdi-Board-SN shower niche; the Shelf-E's three configurations (shown) are made for corners; and the Shelf-W stands alone between tile rows. The shelves complement Schluter's Style shower grates, and curve and floral patterns match the point and linear drains with the same designs. Pricing ranges from \$85 to \$130. [schluter.com](http://schluter.com)



### 4. Pop-Up Outlets

Doug Mockett & Company aims to add electrical function and convenience to countertops with the PCS34 Kitchen Power Grommet. To access the three electrical outlets, users simply pull up on two metal handles. When finished, users press the release button to drop the unit back down. While closed, the lid sits only  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch above the surface, and a clear rubber ring around the top creates a watertight seal, according to the manufacturer. It is available with clear, black (shown), or satin aluminum trim rings. Prices start at \$135. [mockett.com](http://mockett.com)

## Products

### 5. Matte Black Faucets

Lenova's newest kitchen faucets, the SK222 and K410, are also the first to offer its new matte black finish. The manufacturer says that its proprietary PVD processing makes the finish durable and easy to maintain. Both faucets are made from 304 stainless steel and feature an arched profile, a two-function sprayer, 360-degree swivel spout, and side control lever. The K410 has a rounded cross section, while the SK222's (shown) is angular. Pricing ranges from \$325 to \$425. [lenovasinks.com](http://lenovasinks.com)

### 6. Smart Ceiling Fan

The new Nirvana Smart Fan is the latest in Modern Forms' collection of Wi-Fi-enabled smart fans. With the Modern Forms app or integrated third-party platform, users can control the fan's speed and luminaire, set schedules, and create multiple user accounts. Voice assistants may be used to turn the fan on and off, set its speed, reverse the blades' rotation, or dim the luminaire. Local control options include a scalable RF wall panel control, with additional wall controls available. It comes in four finishes: glossy white, koa, matte black (pictured), and titanium silver and is suited for both indoor and outdoor use. Pricing starts at \$334. [modernforms.com](http://modernforms.com)

### 7. Flashing Tape

Tamko Building Products' latest flashing membrane, TW Flash-N-Wrap Pro, is designed to protect exposed entryways and windows from moisture and air penetration. According to the manufacturer, the new tape ensures a tight seal around windows and doors, and it can be left exposed for up to 180 days. The adhesive side has a treated release film. The tape comes in 4-, 6-, and 9-inch rolls. Pricing varies by region. [tamko.com](http://tamko.com)

### 8. Smooth Siding

Based on customer demand, LP Building Solutions has launched a smooth finish in its SmartSide siding collection, appropriately called Smooth Trim & Siding. The latest addition has a light, uniform appearance, along with the durability of treated engineered wood. SmartSide Smooth is manufactured with the company's four-component SmartGuard process, which the manufacturer says helps materials resist termites and fungal decay and provides long-term strength in a variety of weather conditions, including moisture, hail, freeze-thaw cycles, and up to 200-mph wind gusts. Contact a local distributor for pricing. [lpcorp.com](http://lpcorp.com)

