

Teaching Apprentices

**More Efficient
Hot-Water Distribution**

**New Windows in Old
Brick Veneer**



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1. Durable Quartz Surfaces

Each of four new surface profiles—Tartarus, Moreno, Chacra, and Savoie—in Daltile's Natural Quartzite collection is available as a countertop or as an extra-large stone slab surface. According to the manufacturer, the Natural Quartzite surfaces are harder than granite, offer a long usable life, and resist heat, stains, scratching, and etching. Tartarus (pictured, left) is dark with subtle veins, Moreno features a gray stone pattern, Savoie is a "griege" color with a terrazzo look, and Chacra is light gray with dark veins. Contact a local distributor for pricing. daltile.com



2. Metal-Roof Snow Guard

National Nail's Stinger Mini SnowGuard is designed to stop ice and snow from sliding off metal roofs. The Mini SnowGuard features a self-sealing gasket system that requires no silicone, eliminating the mess associated with sealants. Additionally, the SnowGuard's patented weathertight gasket system allows for installation at any temperature, according to the manufacturer. The product is available in 12 colors and a clear finish. Each box includes 50 Mini SnowGuards, 50 weathertight gaskets, and 150 all-weather coated screws. Pricing starts at \$120. stingerworld.com



3. On-Trend Shiplap Wainscoting

Royal Building Products' 6-inch and 8-inch cellular PVC Nickel Gap Shiplap can be installed vertically or horizontally in exterior as well as interior trim applications. Both sizes are available in 9-foot, 12-foot, and 16-foot lengths, with white as the standard color. Contact a local distributor for pricing. royalbuildingproducts.com

4. Innovative Shower Base

The MTSB-6036SOHD shower base by MTI Baths is designed to conceal the position of an existing tub drain behind a wider top drain cover. The shower base measures 60 by 36 inches and is crafted from Lucite, a durable cross-linked cast acrylic, layered with fiberglass, resin, titanium, and wood to help prevent flexing. It may be specified with a left- or right-side drain, and either a stainless steel or white powder-coated hidden drain cover. The full base is available in white, bone, or biscuit, with either a glossy or white matte finish. Pricing starts at \$1,460. mtibaths.com