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Top Picks by Remodelers

A year's worth of coverage is compiled into the 100 products most requested by you, our readers.

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THE last 12 months did not turn out the way anyone would have expected at the start of 2020. For most remodelers, it was better year than they could have wished for. At *Qualified Remodeler*, we know that product selection is a sure way to get a gauge on the health of the remodeling industry. This compilation of the remodeling industry's 100 most-requested products over the past 12 months confirms the vibrancy of market last year. In all categories of products—from plumbing fixtures and flooring to windows and roofing—there was a strong interest in innovations that come at a premium price. Despite all the disruption associated with the pandemic, higher-end discretionary remodeling surged strongly.

We created this compilation based purely on interest from you, our readers. Each issue, each newsletter and each day online, we present hundreds of new products. Through various means, we enable you to inquire about

those products. All sources of inquiries—print and digital—are tallied to create this list. Of those thousands of inquiries, these 100 received the greatest response from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Please note what this compilation is not. It is not a ranking of the top 100 products. It is a list. We cannot guarantee equal time exposure to all of the products. A product published in April 2020 print issue receives an initial blast of inquiries. From there it continues to generate additional interest in the ensuing months as it appears in newsletters and from searches on our online product database. A product initially published in January 2021 has had much less exposure.

One final note: Going forward we are tabulating only online inquiries. Be on the lookout for a special edition of our *Qualified Remodeler Weekly* newsletter, which will present this list in its entirety. **QR**



Unadorned cabinet door

KOUNTRY WOOD CABINETS tastefully updates the guiding principles of Shaker style—simplicity, utility and honesty—with its new cabinet door: Youngstown. Available in two finishes (painted white and stained slate) Youngstown draws inspiration from the simple designs indicative of the western foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. kountrywood.com

Pocket-door hardware

KOVA releases a re-engineered pocket-door hardware option that easily retrofits on a traditional pocket-door handle cutout. Available as part of the KOVA SELECT line, the lock is one element of an optimized pocket-door hardware assembly system that includes a more robust frame kit and a high-quality soft-close track. kovaproducts.com



Smart switch, outlet

LEGRAND expands its smart lighting offerings with the radiant Smart Outdoor Switch with GFCI and Smart Outlet. The Smart Outdoor

Switch with GFCI allows homeowners to control outdoor lights or appliances from any smart device. The Smart Outlet enables users to regulate lamps and other small appliances by turning items off and on via an app. legrand.us

Safe kitchen faucet

LENOVA presents the Aqualogic Ozone Faucet, a conventional hot and cold faucet line that is also an ecologically safe way to clean food and any other water-safe surface without any chemicals or chemical residue. Available as a standard single-hole or pull-out side spout, the faucets feature a small, thin ozone generator. lenovagroup.com



Smooth vertical siding

LP SMARTSIDE Smooth Finish Vertical Siding complements the LP SmartSide Smooth Finish Narrow Trim to offer a durable board-and-

batten aesthetic. The smooth-finish vertical siding is pre-primed for exceptional paint adhesion. LP SmartSide Smooth Finish Vertical Siding comes in 16-foot lengths to reduce horizontal joints and allow for fewer seams. lpcorp.com



Pop-out glass alcove

MARVIN introduces Skycove, a pre-engineered glass pop-out structure that expands interior space and provides a cozy place to gather. A minimal aesthetic and glass on all sides offers immersive panoramic views more than a traditional bay or bow window.

The seating bench can be finished to suit any home style, and the frame includes a built-in recess for shade solutions. marvin.com

Fiberglass exterior door

MASONITE creates a better living environment by bringing more natural light into a home with its VistaGrande exterior door. The fiberglass doors are designed with an 18 percent wider glass area to outperform traditional inserts. Available in fir or smooth texture with various glass and grid options, the collection is ideal for front and patio applications. masonite.com



Tongue-and-groove system

MBRICO porcelain tile decks offer projects a unique opportunity to carry tile outdoors. The tongue-and-groove system is completely free draining, suited for any environment and is

perfect for applications on standard code deck frames and available in more than 60 colors including wood, stone, aggregate, contemporary and traditional porcelain tiles. mbricotiledecks.com

Convenient joist reinforcer

METWOOD 2810HR is a joist reinforcer that allows up to a 6-inch hole to be placed through a 2 by 10 floor joist. It allows plumbing, HVAC and other utilities to be placed

through the floor joists. To avoid the need to reroute the utilities and add time to the project, the 2810HR Reinforcer can be utilized to meet new code requirements. metwood.com



Ledger-board membrane

MFM BUILDING PRODUCTS presents DeckWrap PowerBond, a self-adhering, waterproofing membrane designed for use on ledger boards, joist tops and ends, as well as posts to prevent premature rot from water damage. Its PowerBond adhesive system aggressively adheres to treated wood products even at temperatures as low as 25°F. mfmbp.com

Bath



Medicine cabinets offer convenient bath storage

STRASSER debuts two new collections designed to coordinate with the manufacturer's luxury bath vanities. Users can opt for a handcrafted, solid wood cabinet or the hi-tech look of an aluminum medicine cabinet with LED lights. With demand for medicine cabinets rising in every segment of the industry from residential to hospitality, the two new styles give users additional choices for organizing toiletries and other items typically stored in the bathroom. strasserwood.com

Wall-hung basins help round out bath collection

SIMAS expands its offering of WAVE, a collection of basins characterized by their asymmetrical internal bowl. The three new elegant wall-hung basins, almost being like console basins, feature rigorous lines with an incredibly thin edge of 0.8 cm to give a sensation of maximum lightness, as if they were only decorating products. The basins are available in dimensions with rectangular bowl 80 by 51 cm, with oval bowl 100 by 51 cm and double squared bowl 120 by 51cm. simasusa.com



Pre-affixed drains provide seamless installation

INFINITY DRAIN now offers its FCS Series Fixed Flange linear drains with Schluter-KERDI fabric factory applied. The product complies with Schluter's shower system warranty program and is backed by both Infinity Drain and Schluter. The new Infinity Drain FCS Series delivers peace of mind performance for designers and installers and is available on all Infinity Drain grate styles and finishes, including custom linear drains. infinitydrain.com

Shelf designs unify look throughout shower area

SCHLUTER-SYSTEMS introduces three designs in brushed stainless steel for Schluter-SHELF for tiled showers. The designs match with existing Schluter drain grates, so that installers can unify the look throughout the shower area. All are available in five shapes and fit neatly between rows of tile without the need for materials or fasteners to penetrate the waterproofing membrane. The result is a sleek, clean finish featuring a shelf that will easily hold shower accessories. schluter.com



Bathtubs complement both traditional, modern décor

MTI BATHS brings the beauty of simplicity to the bathroom with its new Metro Sculpted Finish tubs. The freestanding design captures the elegance of minimalist design with crisp, rectangular lines and a soothing absence of ornamentation. It complements both traditional and modern décor to create a lasting style statement of refinement and luxury. The Metro Sculpted Finish tub is produced in three sizes with lengths of either 60, 66 or 72 inches to best fit the available space. mtibaths.com