

**Designing Kitchens**

**Carbon-Neutral  
Building**

**Installing EV Chargers**





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### 1. Workstation Sink

Ruvati's epiStage sink, made from 80% crushed granite and proprietary resins, is a durable, nonporous surface with the look of natural stone. Available in 30- and 33-inch widths with a 9-inch-deep single basin, sinks can be installed with top or undermount designs. Integrated ledges allow workstation accessories to slide into place—the sink comes with a solid composite cutting board, a folding drying rack with stainless steel bars, and a food-safe silicone grid; other accessories are sold separately. Retail price for a 33-inch-wide model is about \$500. [ruvati.com](http://ruvati.com)



### 2. Lightweight Aluminum Swinging Door

Counter swing doors from Midland Door Solutions are made with a lightweight, durable aluminum frame and laminated or tempered glass options. The factory-assembled door includes a mounting frame for simplified installation and an electric, 24-volt actuator for optimal lift. Customers can select from a variety of size and color options. [midlanddoorsolutions.com](http://midlanddoorsolutions.com)



### 3. Acrylic Exterior Latex Paint

Aura Exterior from Benjamin Moore is a 100% acrylic exterior latex paint that allows low temperature application down to 35°F. The manufacturer says its proprietary “color lock technology” delivers color depth, fade resistance, and reduced chalking, while the product's acrylic resin resists film formation, UV, and fading and provides superior gloss retention. Available in four finishes and a catalog of color options, Aura Exterior retails for about \$80 to \$100 per gallon. [benjaminmoore.com/en-us](http://benjaminmoore.com/en-us)



### 4. Ladder Stabilizer

The Ladder-Lock is a ladder conversion kit designed to increase user safety by improving an extension ladder's stability. Compatible with most 16- to 24-foot extension ladders with hollow rungs, the Ladder-Lock features two adjustable legs that connect at the ladder midpoint, and two adjustable arms that anchor to the ladder's lowest rung. Aluminum rods can be inserted through the hollow rungs of both sets of legs and braces, generating a sturdy base capable of bearing loads over 450 pounds. Kits will be available in December for about \$400. [ladder-lock.net](http://ladder-lock.net)

## Products

### 5. Steel Roof Support Brace

TrussBrace supports from FastenMaster provide both lateral and diagonal restraint. They are designed to be left in place, allowing framers to set, space, and brace roof trusses in a single step. According to FastenMaster, the design allows for easy web-member bracing and roof-sheathing application, and the product increases jobsite safety since framers can install it by walking along the bottom chord. The retail price for a box of 30 TrussBrace units is about \$185. [fastenmaster.com](http://fastenmaster.com)



### 6. Enhanced Wood Stain Formula

Nova USA Wood Products says that it has enhanced the color retention of its ExoShield Wood Stains. The improved formulation includes proprietary polymerized oil resins as well as the highest amount of UV blockers that can be added while allowing the formula to stay in suspension. The combination of the new resins with the manufacturer's blend of tung oil, UV blockers, fungicide, and trans-oxide pigments is designed to provide long-lasting results with superior penetration. Available in six colors and a clear finish, a gallon retails for \$125. [novausawood.com](http://novausawood.com)



### 7. Extra-Clearance Dryer Vent

Designed for venting a dryer through the roof, the extra-clearance DryerJack 486 is manufactured with heavy-gauge Galvalume steel like the original model 477, but is taller for use with higher-profile tile or in moderate snowfall zones. The hood's wide opening, protected from water intrusion by a curved damper, enables efficient airflow, according to the manufacturer. A removable access door facilitates duct cleaning, and a flange with nail holes helps speed installation. DryerJacks are optimally designed for a roof pitch between 3/12 and 12/12, the manufacturer says. [dryerjack.com](http://dryerjack.com)



### 8. Geometric Brass Faucet

Isenberg's Satin Brass matte finish in the Serie 260 Collection of faucets and fixtures helps to make watermarks and fingerprints less apparent. The fixtures, crafted from solid premium brass, offer a contemporary look with a juxtaposition of hard and soft, and the faucets are characterized by a rounded base and a flat panel on the spout. [isenbergfaucets.com](http://isenbergfaucets.com)

