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1. Cabinets for a Modern Outdoor Kitchen

The Arcadia Series of kitchen cabinetry from Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet is a sleek option for homeowners looking for a modern outdoor-kitchen design. The cabinets' stainless steel detailing can be paired with oiled ipe panels (shown) or with powder-coated stainless-steel panels in more than 200 colors. Storage cabinets range in size from 12 to 36 inches, and cooktop and sink base cabinets from 24 to 36 inches, with configurations including three drawers, drawer-over-door, and pullout racks. Available August 2017. kalamazoogourmet.com

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2. Expansive Outdoor Living

With its wide panels, the new Marvin Bi-Fold Door brings expansive views to homes. Available in one- to 16-panel configurations in sizes up to 55 feet wide by 10 feet high, the unidirectional folding doors can be used by designers to create less-obstructed views. The door hardware is less visible than on previous models. Pricing varies by configuration. marvin.com

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3. Keeping Dry Under the Deck

Deckorators' lines of Vault (shown), Heritage, Vista, Classic, and Frontier slotted-edge composite deck boards are now all compatible with the company's Dexerdry system. According to Deckorators, Dexerdry is a polymer extrusion that's installed into the slotted edges of the company's decking boards to create a watertight seal between boards, thereby providing dry areas under raised decks and helping to reduce moisture problems below ground-level decks. It's available in black 12-, 16-, and 20-foot lengths, all of which are priced at \$2.15 per lineal foot. deckorators.com

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4. Insulated Outdoor Plumbing

Brass has long been a choice for outdoor plumbing systems, but the material is not ideal as an insulator. To bring more effective insulation to outdoor plumbing, Aquor Water Systems created the House Hydrant V2, a stainless steel hose bib with freeze protection down to -30°F. The company says that heat loss with its design is significantly less than with a brass bib. The system costs \$90. aquorwatersystems.com

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5. A Universal Lighting Control System

The Decora Digital Controls line taps into Bluetooth to let homeowners use an app to control their lighting system within a 30-foot range without a hub, gateway, or internet connection. The dimmers and switches can be timed and controlled through the Leviton Decora Digital Dimmer & Timer App, with fade and optimal energy-saving options. The Electronic Low Voltage Dimmer (model number DDE06-BLZ, shown) is compatible with ELV, dimmable LED, dimmable CFL, incandescent, or halogen loads. The system also includes a fan speed control and timer. The DDE06-BLZ costs about \$73 online. leviton.com

6. Smart, Efficient Water Heater

Debuting this year, Greentherm 9000 Series tankless water heaters have rounded corners on the metal cabinet, making these water heaters as attractive as they are energy efficient, the company says. The heaters are installed with innovative top connections. The premium Greentherm 9900i SE model has a glass front, and its integrated Wi-Fi control (both features are available as options on other models) enables homeowners to control the water heater remotely through a free app. Pricing ranges from \$1,700 to \$2,100. bosch-climate.us

7. Contemporary Door Hardware

Pella has expanded its Architect Series line of windows, patio doors, and hardware pieces with a new, contemporary design aesthetic. Modern hardware pieces in the Architect Series Contemporary collection enhance the updated window line and match the series' sharp, geometric shapes. The line's door handles feature SmartKey Re-Key technology and come in a number of finishes, including matte black. Pricing varies. pella.com

8. An Innovative Low-Flow Toilet

Despite using only 0.8 gallon of water per flush, Niagara's Stealth Phantom Toilet does not sacrifice performance, the firm says. The key is the toilet's patented air transfer tube (employed on Niagara's entire line of WaterSense-labeled Stealth single-flush toilets), which reportedly allows for a vacuum-assisted pull during the flush and accelerates the force of the water and waste flowing through the trapway. Other features include an "EZ Height" design for ease of use and accessibility, and skirted sides. The toilet comes in white and retails for \$290. niagaracorp.com

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9. A Time-Saving Adhesive

DAP's new DynaGrip Heavy Duty Max adhesives reportedly cut installation time with a moisture-curing formula that the maker says is easier to gun and sets up five times faster than competitive polyurethane adhesives. The maker claims that the "instant grab" of the adhesive reduces the need for nailing, bracing, and clamping most building materials. The adhesive formula is low-odor and low-VOC, cleans up with water, and costs \$6 for a 28-ounce tube. dap.com

10. Time-Lapse Camera Captures Build Progress

For builders looking to capture the work put into their next project, the Brinno BCC200 Pro HDR Time Lapse Video Construction Camera can record months of a build and display it in just minutes in a time-lapse format. The fixed-point, industrial-grade camera can be used to showcase work to clients, report progress back to a head office, and protect against claims, all without the builder having to worry about spending time on edits. The company says the BCC200 has no installation fee and no relocation fee and requires no tools or wires to install. The camera comes with a weather-resistant case, reportedly long battery life, and industrial-grade aeronautical aluminum-alloy clamp and bungee cords for easy installation. The camera can be purchased for \$220. brinno.com

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11. Tile Adhesive for Thin Panels

Bostik's new Bosti-Set adhesive is designed for use with thin porcelain tile panels and claims to reduce installation time. According to the company, the adhesive and sound-reduction membrane instantly grabs and holds panels with just one coat and allows panels to be repositioned for up to 30 minutes with no slip or sag. Recycled rubber particles mixed into the lightweight, VOC-free adhesive reportedly provide sound abatement. Pricing has not been announced. bostik.com

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12. A Lightweight Roofing Underlayment

Weighing in at 23 pounds per 250-foot roll, CertainTeed's new RoofRunner synthetic roofing underlayment has a high-traction surface designed for wet or dry walkability. The maker says the material resists tearing caused by stretching, high winds, and foot traffic, and because it grips the roof's surface, it won't pull against mechanical fasteners. It's impermeable but reportedly withstands 90-day UV exposure. Pricing not available. certainteed.com