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Top Shelf

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Choice Cuts - A new twist on traditional butcher block, this countertop material is made from end-grain bamboo that is arranged in a parquet pattern and bonded with a formaldehyde-free and food-safe adhesive. Tops come in natural and caramelized colors and measure 1 ½ inches thick and 25 ½ inches by 96 inches for countertops, and 36 inches by 72 inches or 48 inches by 96 inches for islands and tabletops. **Cost: \$22 to \$28 per square foot.** Teragren. 800-929-6333. www.teragren.com.

Building Blox - Blox is a line of modular bath products that allows users to mix and match elements for a customized contemporary look. The base of the system is a 20-inch wall-mounted vanity that comes with a drawer, shelf, or glass door. Complementary elements include wheels, sinks, and granite tops measuring 20, 40, or 60 inches. Pieces are available in a dark walnut finish or zebra wood. **Cost: \$32 to \$695.** Xylem. 866-395-8112. www.xylem.biz.

Tooling Around - The right tool makes work easy. Signature Series pneumatic drills, for example, are designed for drilling ferrous and non-ferrous metals, wood, and composite materials. The drills have a lightweight aluminum housing, a low-vibration motor, and a comfort grip handle. **Cost: \$265 to \$450.** Sioux Tools. 800-722-7290. www.siouxtools.com.

Steel Appeal - TCS Satin stainless steel roofing is coated with an alloy that makes it highly durable while micro-embossing gives it an attractive appearance, the company says. Made from type-304 stainless steel, the product has the patina of solid zinc but boasts longer corrosion resistance. **Cost: \$4.00 to \$5.50 per square foot.** Follansbee Steel. 800-624-6906. www.follansbeerroofing.com.

Aura of Quality - The manufacturer says Aura is the best paint it has ever made. This 100 percent acrylic product features a water-based resin that “locks-in” color for paint

surfaces that are washable and water resistant. The ColorLock technology also results in smooth, spatter-free application, the manufacturer says. The eco-friendly product comes in 144 colors. **Cost: \$54.95. Benjamin Moore.** 800-344-0400. www.myaurapaints.com.

Seal of Approval - Correct flashing is an important part of a tight building envelope. The Quickflash line of products provides a no-caulk friction seal that reduces moisture intrusion and air infiltration, the company says. Pieces are made from polyethylene plastic and thermoplastic rubber that will not corrode over time. **Cost: \$5.25. Quickflash Weath-erproofing Products.** 800-963-6886. www.quickflashproducts.com.