

## architects' choice

*"we appreciate the thinness of victoria + albert's english-cast material while still being durable and well composed."*



### high-end soak \$\$

Victoria + Albert tubs and sinks are what studio d'ARC architects (SDA) uses to bring luxury to its baths. Pieces are made from Englishcast, a composite material consisting of volcanic limestone and high-performance resins. The Barcelona (shown) costs \$6,500. Victoria + Albert, 800.421.7189; [www.vandabaths.com](http://www.vandabaths.com).

### night light \$

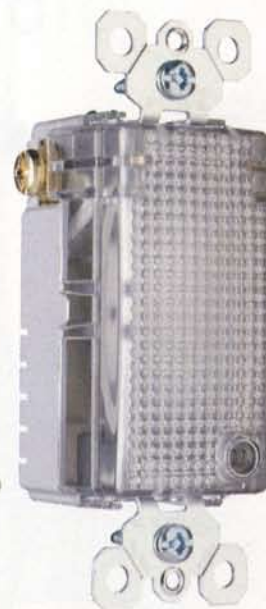
SDA is a big fan of Legrand's TradeMaster hallway lights. "They add safety to any home during the evening when one does not want to use other forms of lighting," Damiani says. Priced at \$9.87, the device features an impact-resistant face and an automatic sensor. Legrand, 877.295.3472; [www.legrand.us](http://www.legrand.us).



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### save \$

**AWP Butcher Block:** wood countertops, [www.awpbutcherblock.com](http://www.awpbutcherblock.com).

**Salice America:** cabinet hardware, [www.saliceamerica.com](http://www.saliceamerica.com).

**Seiho:** dryer vents, [www.seiho.com](http://www.seiho.com).

### splurge \$\$

**Vola:** faucet, [www.vola.com](http://www.vola.com).

**Carl Stahl DecorCable:** cable rails, [www.decorcable.com](http://www.decorcable.com).

**ClimateMaster:** geothermal heat pumps, [www.residential.climate-master.com](http://www.residential.climate-master.com).

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### Ⓞ durable decking \$

Ⓞ Made from reclaimed plastic grocery bags and waste wood fiber, Trex is a low-maintenance alternative to natural wood. The company claims the boards will never rot, crack, or splinter. "We like the durability of this product," Damiani says. "This, along with their hidden fasteners, can really add quality and low maintenance to a project's exterior." Trex Co., 800.289.8739; [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com).

### Ⓞ grand openings \$\$

Ⓞ Duratherm Window Corp. is SDA's go-to source for great windows. Known for high-end custom wet- and dry-glaze windows and doors, the company also has the ability to fuse two types of wood species on one unit. "The quality of the product is exceptional," Damiani says. The firm used the windows on this row house (left). Duratherm Window Corp., 800.996.5558; [www.durathermwindow.com](http://www.durathermwindow.com).