



KOS YOU'RE WORTH IT

The Kos radiator combines a minimalist appearance with high heat outputs. Its flat front panel makes it ideal for the kitchen, hallway, bedroom or living room. Available in variety of different sizes and the full range of RAL colours, as well as metal effect finishes. (0845 070 1090, www.purmo.com)

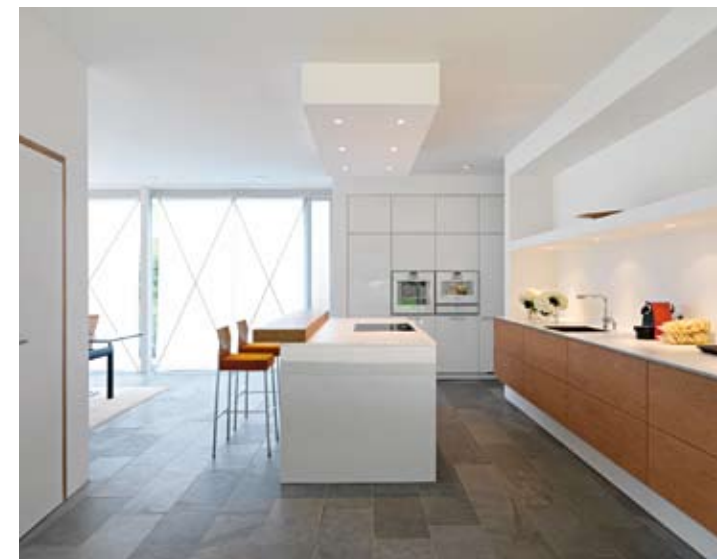
ECO FRIENDLY DOORS

This new range of eco friendly doorsets is made solely from Accoya timber. Accoya comes from non-endangered forests, and has the characteristics of durable tropical hardwoods like mahogany and teak. It is modified making it more stable and strong, and can be recycled. The doors have a lifespan of up to 60 years. (www.spiritdoors.co.uk)



'LIVING ROOM' KITCHENS UNVEILED IN MILAN

The modern kitchen may be the heart of the home but Leicht's new range is designed to function as much as a living room as a kitchen. Launched at Eurocucina in Milan this summer, the kitchens use atmospheric lighting and neutral tones as well as colour and texture so they flow into the living areas to create a tasteful open-plan room, combining the likes of dark wood veneers and aluminium or high gloss acrylic. All ranges feature an island, which acts as perfect natural storage, a food preparation and dining area, as well as a link between cooking and living. (07802 402921, www.leicht.de)



PERMEABLE PAVING SLABS

The new PermaSlab range of resin bound paving is now available in a standard 600 x 600 x 40mm format. The slabs have a permeable surface (subject to an appropriate sub-base being prepared) making them ideal for paths, patios, steps and garden features. They are frost-resistant and easy to cut, making laying a fast and straightforward process, and enabling intricate designs to be achieved. (01985 841180, www.sureset.co.uk)

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WINE ON THE MOVE

How do you transport four glasses of wine, a bottle and a book into the garden single-handedly without spilling a drop? With the Penguin Wine Hod, you can do just that. Made of oak with stainless steel legs and handle, the table holds wine glasses close to the bottom of the cup, and the bottles can be stored below, meaning all are stable enough to be transported. (www.steuartpadwick.co.uk)

FLAME RETARDANT WRAP

Polythene UK has launched a new flame retardant scaffold sheet wrap which prevents the spread of fire and does not give off toxic fumes, providing a safer working environment for those on the scaffold. The polythene film fully encapsulates the area providing weather-proofing and eliminating dust and debris. (www.polytheneuk.co.uk)



THE AGE OF AQUARIUM

This super-sized aquarium has been set within a feature wall, fronted by a specially commissioned tinted mirror. Intended to create a relaxing and tranquil space by design team Hill House Interiors, the effervescent tank comes stocked with fish and coral in blushing tones of pink, the water glittering with bespoke lighting in shocking Schiaparelli. (www.hillhouseinteriors.com)

WAFFLE FLOOR SLAB HELPS MEET CODE

A super insulated and fully integrated foundation system has been specified by White Young Green Engineering for a new timber frame development of 30 bungalows designed to meet Level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes without the use of renewables. It achieves typical U-values of 0.10 – 0.12W/m2K and demonstrates excellent performance at thermal junctions. It is constructed of interlocking expanded polystyrene (EPS) pods, which are laid in place to form a substantially rigid 'waffle' shaped slab, with steel fibre reinforced concrete (SFRC) then poured on top to deliver the foundation up to ground floor slab level. The system requires minimal ground excavation and no trenches, and reduces the amount of spoil to manage. (www.insulslab.com)



TEPLOTIE USED IN UK PASSIVHAUS

A low thermal conductivity wall tie manufactured from basalt fibres has been used in the first certified Passivhaus to be built using traditional masonry cavity walls. The building achieved the energy efficiency levels of Passivhaus through the construction of a well-insulated airtight building envelope, thanks in part to the use of Ancon TeploTie basalt wall ties, which give a zero reading for heat transference. TeploTies have a thermal conductivity of just 0.7W/mK. The Passivhaus was built by the Green Building Company and featured in the June issue of SB&D. (0114 275 5224, www.ancon.co.uk/LowConductor)



DIY LAMP SHADES

Give your neglected vintage fabrics a new lease of life by turning them into fabulous lampshades. This kit costs £12.99 and contains everything you need to produce your own 30cm diameter lampshade for ceiling pendants or lamp bases. All you need to find is the covering and the lamp base. (0191 645 4004, www.hunkydoryhome.co.uk)

