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Perfect Tin

Nothing says historic ambiance quite like a tin ceiling, but nothing promises back-breaking labor quite like installing one. For those more interested in the former than the latter, American Tin Ceilings' SnapLock system is a welcome innovation. The easily installed panels are available in the same wide array of patterns and colors as the company's traditional nail-in ceilings, but are designed to screw directly into drywall or plaster ceilings without the need for a wood substrate. For more information, call (888) 231-7500, or visit www.americantinceilings.com. Circle 125 on the resource card.



Totally Floored

With an approach that involves preserving the entire dimension of each log for its hand-crafted wide plank floors, Carlisle manages to create boards that immaculately mirror the floors in early American homes, built when this practice was standard. The company's Eastern white pine flooring (shown) is selectively harvested from old-growth New England forests, and its rich color and knotty grain provide a warm, farmhouse-like aesthetic. For more information, call (800) 595-9663, or visit www.wideplankflooring.com. Circle 017 on the resource card.



Fine Furnishings

Who says heirloom-quality furniture has to be confined to the living room or bedroom? With its serpentine design, corbels and swags, and intricate mouldings, Vanity Flair's 1925 Legacy Console proves that elegantly carved furniture has a place in the powder room, too. Part of the Legacy Collection (which also includes a linen tower and customized tub surround), the vanity features hand-applied gold accents and is available in 40 different finishes. For more information, call (770) 479-4108, or visit www.vanityflair.net. Circle 127 on the resource card.