

# Enrich yard with statuary

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Selecting painted or unpainted statuary is a personal choice. With care, the pieces will last for many years. Darin suggests spraying a clear lacquer on the statue to preserve it from the weather.

"Fada come and go," said LaMaumauix of the many styles available.

HUNTZKE HAS bought several Oriental statues from Cliff Green Sales. Her pieces include a Buddha and a delicate female figure.

"I need things to make me feel pleased," said Huntzke, who enjoys dining while looking out into her rose garden.

Wedge favors unpainted pieces, placed throughout her yard. She has even

bought some statues and pedestals to accent the interior of her home.

The southwest look — cactus and burros — appeal to many customers, LaMaumauix said.

So-called "fashion geese" are becoming popular, according to LaMaumauix: These geese figures cost around \$30 unpainted and \$40 painted. Clothes, which cost extra, are available in a variety of themes.

Many shoppers simply fall in love with a statue, Darin said. Perhaps they see a piece that resembles a cherished pet or they become infatuated with a theme.

Wedge takes issue with people who automatically assume that yard ornamentation is tacky.

"Whenever you hear about ornamentation, you think it's overdone," Wedge said. "It isn't. It really is pretty."

# Consider stylish mouldings

Decorative mouldings are back in style, but most do-it-yourselfers will do almost anything to avoid doing those tight-fitting miter cuts.

Moulding Mates, a new product from Abitibi-Price of Troy, does the tricky mitering for you.

Moulding Mates include eight trim pieces that fit over the end cuts of adjoining wood that usually are mitered. Instead of mitering, simply make a straight cut, allowing the lengths of wood to meet.

Then cover the corner with Moulding Mate, and secure the pieces in place with a color adhesive caulk from Abitibi.

The series includes inside and outside corners for crown, chair rail and base mouldings, a casing corner block and a plinth block for floor casing. Trim pieces sell for \$1.50 to \$2.50. Moulding Mates is an accessory to the company's prefinished moulding called Pastel Trim. Available soon at major metro area home centers.

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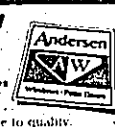
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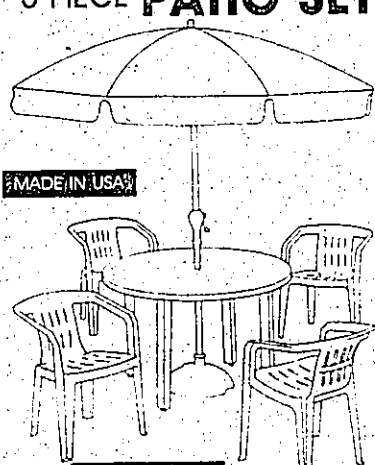
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