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Window Box Gardens Facelift Any Home

By CAROL KATZ

If you're looking for new, inexpensive ways to beautify your house for spring and summer, consider the flower box.

A handyman can easily construct one himself in an afternoon, or, if you'd rather, one of your local lumberyards will make one for you to suit the exact dimensions needed.

The cost is minimal and the benefits are many.

Widely used in European cities where gardening space is often cramped and limited, flower boxes have been generally ignored in American communities. Observers, filled with neat lawns and well manicured shrubbery, is particularly devoid of the charm of flower boxes.

Why not start a trend then, and be the first in your neighborhood to go with flower boxes? You'll get more than a few compliments if you do it right and probably just as many imitators.

If you live in a tract home which is identical to every other house on the block, you're a perfect candidate

for window box gardening. Attached as they are to the house itself, flower boxes at your windows will add uniqueness to your residence as well as enhancing its architectural style, whether it is a colonial, tri-level or ranch.

STEP OUTSIDE and really look at the front of your house. The arrangement of flower boxes should be harmonious and balanced; their placement is actually a simple study in design.

Windows which are parallel to each other should be trimmed with matching sized flower boxes. Remember, too, that each box should be as wide as its window; a short box in front of a sprawling window will serve no decorative effect whatsoever, except to confuse the eye.

Paint your window boxes with the same color of trim that is used elsewhere on the house. You might match them to the shutters, for example. And if you don't have shutters, now might be a good time to add them for they'll enhance your windows as effectively as interesting drapery treatments do for their in-

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