



SPANISH ARCHITECTURE is enhanced by the Spanish-styled outdoor setting of this Bloomfield home.

Frankel, as one which utilizes native trees and plants and which, consequently, requires very little special attention.

If the sight of your garden and yard fill you with ho-hum boredom, try something different this season. While nature is always in style, Margolis points to new trends in outdoor living.

**ENJOYING FRESH POPULARITY** around Observerland is the old-fashioned English garden. This look can be achieved by formal borders, hedges and the planting of flowers in large masses.

Concern with ecology has been responsible for the increasing use of bird-baths, which are not only helpful to our feathered friends but highly decorative as well. The ideal spot for a bird bath is away from the house, preferably amidst the shade of fruit trees, according to Margolis.

Is your lot boringly flat and lacking in dramatic impact?



Some pool, some rock garden!

Create your own free-form mound or "berm" by changing the grade level in a particular spot. Fill it with a cluster of plants and stones and you'll add interest as well as a natural feeling to your lot.

"Plants naturally grow in clusters anyway," Margolis explained. "The use of stones or rocks to fill in the berm eliminates the tedious chore of trimming around the edges. Use your lawnmower for cutting the grass around the berm and that's all you'll have to do."

If your lot has a natural grade change on it, such as that caused by a ravine, you're the perfect candidate for an outdoor deck.

**MARGOLIS RECOMMENDS** the deck kits available to do-it-yourselfers at many local hardware stores. Decks, it seems, dry more quickly than patios so that they can be enjoyed right after a summer shower.

If trees now stand on the area where you'd like to place your deck, don't cut them all down. Trees can be made to come right up through the deck, thus providing you with a natural umbrella to shade you from the sun.

Margolis likes the use of built-in seating as well as flower boxes and planters for both decks and patios.

Although his feet are set firmly on the soil, Margolis is a man who also has his sights set toward the future.

He is aware that a small, spindly tree may be just perfect for a young couple who have years ahead of them and don't mind waiting for shade. An older couple needs professional advice as to what kind of trees will provide them with shade right away.

A landscaper is also an artist who uses nature as his canvas. The grandest, most elaborate house can only be ugly without the grace of trees and shrubs and plants. And even the most modest house can be made beautiful because of them. The secret lies in landscaping.

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