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From Dull To Delightful

Times-Democrat artist Patrick Costello drew these easy ideas for pocket landscaping ideas for your yard.

For an unusual “fossil” flagstone effect, put leaves or ferns on a piece of plywood and cover with a thin mixture of cement. When cement is dry, turn over, wash out the leaves or allow them to decay. The pattern will remain.

To get away from the sterile look of concrete walks, lay your forms and embed small stones into the concrete. When cement is almost dry use a hose or broom to remove excess concrete from the stones. You can create different and unusual designs if you wish.

A plain wooden barrel makes an ideal planter for this portable tree. Drill small holes in the sides of the barrel near the bottom to permit drainage. Fill the bottom of the barrel with rocks or broken pottery and add peat moss, block dirt. Cover your convenience with the same house or small dirt.

Fasten nylon strings to a block of wood for this unusual garden chime. It can be suspended from a deck or eave. You can connect some colored glass or fiberglass material to nylon fish line. Regular glass probably makes the best sounds, but plastic can be drilled for attachment of strings.

This is a fine way to blend a small garden and tie every component together. It can also serve as a centerpiece for garden or yard. Earth is formed into a semi-mound and decorated with rocks, shrubs and rock garden variety flowers. It may be edged with flagstone or marble. In the center, plant a small white birch, maple or white crab.

This is an attractive setting for the corner of your garden. An old piece of driftwood can be whitened by painting it with bleach and allowing to dry. Wash off the bleach afterward. Attach a small bird feeder to one of the limbs. Back the arrangement with evergreens or small arborvitae bushes. The border can be planted with small flowers. You can add...
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He worked as designer for the Davenport Times-Democrat’s FOCUS on Family magazine section from the mid 1960s through the mid 1970s.

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In 1978, he purchased and restored a 1867 stone grist mill in Maquoketa, Iowa, which became *Costello’s Old Mill Gallery*.

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