

Over the Garden Gate

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Dogs are not

our whole life,

but they make

our lives whole.



first impressions

House numbers, the entry door lockset, a wall-mounted mailbox, and an overhead light fixture are all elements that can add style and interest to your home's exterior. If they're out of date or dingy, your home may not be conveying the aesthetic you think it is. These elements add the most appeal when they function collectively, rather than as mix-and-match pieces. Oiled-bronze finishes suit traditional homes, while brushed nickel suits more contemporary ones.

enhance your

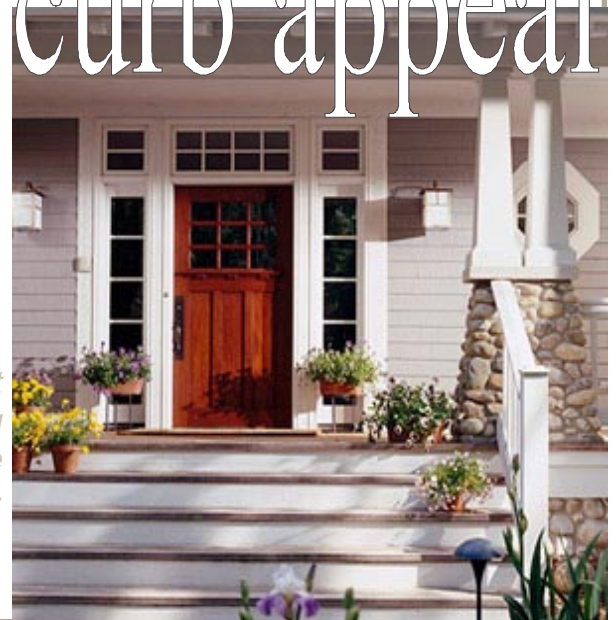
If your home's curb appeal makes a great first impression, everyone — including potential homebuyers — will want to see what's inside. Check out these simple, low-cost improvements that you can do in a day, a week, or a month

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ymmetry is not only pleasing to the eye, it's also the simplest to arrange. Symmetrical compositions of light fixtures and front-door accents create welcoming entryways. This door is flanked by two sidelights. The black lantern-style sconces not only safely guide visitors to the door, but also coordinate with the black door and urns.

Your home's front entry is the focal point of its curb appeal. Make a statement by giving your front door a blast of color with paint or by installing a custom wood door. Clean off any dirty spots around the knob, and use metal polish on the door fixtures. Your entry should also reflect the home's interior, so choose a swag or a wreath that reflects your personal style.

curb appeal



R e c i p e

Oaty Rhubarb Streusel Bars

- 1-1/2 cups quick-cooking rolled oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 2 cups fresh or frozen unsweetened sliced rhubarb
- 1 recipe Ginger Icing (see below)
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped crystallized ginger (optional)



Handy Hints

Use peroxide to clean mirrors, there will be no smearing.

Keep dogs, raccoons, cats, rabbits, and other animals away from your garden. Sprinkle black pepper around your hedges and flower beds. You can also use mothballs.

Remove spots from rugs or carpets. Squirt shaving cream on stain, scrub, and wash with water

An apple in the morning is more efficient than caffeine in coffee.

Prevent flying insects. Hang fresh bunch of stinging nettles to front of door.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line 8x8x2-inch baking pan with heavy foil extended beyond pan edges.

In large bowl stir together oats, the 1 cup flour, and brown sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Set aside 1 cup oats mixture. Press remaining on bottom of prepared pan. Bake 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl stir together granulated sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, and ground ginger. Add rhubarb; toss to coat. Spread on hot crust. Sprinkle reserved oats mixture; press lightly.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes, until top is golden and filling is bubbly. Cool on rack. Drizzle icing, sprinkle crystallized ginger. Lift from pan; cut into bars. Store, covered, in refrigerator up to 2 days. Makes 16 bars.

Ginger Icing: In small bowl sitr together 3/4 cup sifted powdered sugar, 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger, and 3 to 4 teaspoons apricot nectar, orange juice, or milk.



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