

Paved with good intentions

Innovations in concrete pavers allow the use of various patterns and colours, even bringing Art Deco design into your home's landscape.

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Interlocking concrete pavements (ICPs) offer exceptional beauty and create a durable pavement surface, adding to the value of your home and to your enjoyment of the outdoor landscape. The variety of patterns, colours and surface textures also can enhance the character and curb appeal of a home.

Pavers also allow you to co-ordinate and customize activity space, including driveways, walkways, patios, pool decks, and gardens, in a way that was never possible before, according to Andy

Savoie, sales manager for Lafarge Canada, a leading manufacturer of pavers and retaining walls.

"It's not often you hear a designer refer to a pavement as elegant," says Savoie, "But in today's market with the wide variety of colours, patterns and surface textures now available – we hear it all the time. Now with our new Deco Pavers we expect to see even more innovation."

The pavers that grace the landscape of such places as the award-winning Yorkville Park (which re-creates a pristine northern Ontario environment in downtown Toronto), the entrance to the Skydome, and at the National Trade Centre, are good examples of the increas-



For patios, pool decks, walkways or driveways, interlocking concrete pavements offer beauty and long-term performance for the home landscape.

ing recognition of concrete pavers as the pavement of choice, he says.

Art Deco, a mix of styles from the 1920s and 30s, was widely used in many areas as a decoration style, such as fine arts, posters, architecture and landscaping. Art Deco designers favoured stepped forms, rounded corners, triple-striped decorative elements and black decoration. The most important thing is that the designs were formulated in geometrical order, with simple formats, vivid colours and "machine-like" materials.

Many of the dramatic changes in landscaping in recent years, including Deco Pave, says Savoie, can be attributed to the introduction of new approaches to landscaping elements, and new concepts in design and installation. Designers, contractors, and homeowners have developed unique ways of addressing the creation of landscape environments using textures, bold colours, and new shapes. The new Deco Pave products are unique and can be a very effective way to add character, depth and variety to your backyard landscape. ✨

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