



## National Hardware Show showcased products to improve curb appeal

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More than 1,000 new home and garden products were showcased at the National Hardware Show in Las Vegas last month. Many of the 2,300 exhibitors displayed products designed to help homeowners improve curb appeal.

Creating a more attractive garage door is one of the most significant changes for a seller. That's particularly true if the house is located on a street where all of the garage doors are similar.

Coach House Accents introduced its new architectural garage accents. The simulated window overlays, hinges and handles add a surprisingly impressive finishing touch to an otherwise plain garage door.

The resin and Plexiglas products are durable, maintenance free and attach with screws. The accent pieces do not interfere with normal garage door operation and provide the security of a solid door with a window look.

The simulated windows are available in white, sandstone and almond, and the handles and hinges are available in black and bronze.

Take an informal tour around your neighborhood and you'll see one common area that often takes a beating. How many times have the downspouts and extensions been run over by a lawn mower or snowplow? LRX Quick Release Connectors are designed to enable a homeowner to quickly and easily detach downspouts and extensions. The connectors work with both plastic and metal parts.

Interior designers suggest that the best way to choose a wall paint color is to buy samples and paint blocks on the wall. There's no argument that that method helps you get a better idea than just a tiny paint swatch. You can view the paint in daylight and artificial light and see how it looks with your furniture.

But what happens if you have painted several blocks on your wall and you don't like any of them? You may



Simulated windows change an ordinary garage door into one with more curb appeal. | Classic Coach House Accents/Lacks Enterprises

not be able to continue paint shopping for awhile and now you are stuck with a patchwork quilt on the wall. PaintSmart from BREN, Inc., solves that problem. Each PaintSmart sheet unfolds to a large, white paintable surface with a wall-safe adhesive back. Paint, peel off the back and place on the wall. The soak-proof sheet dries fast and is removed easily.

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