

Special points of interest:

- You can visit Martha Stewart's web site at [www.marthastewart.com](http://www.marthastewart.com) to get ideas on crafts and home and garden projects.
- Stylistic ideas can be culled from the Internet, books, or magazines. For Internet-related ideas, use a search portal such as **Google** or **Netscape** and search with the terms you are interested in. If you are interested in urban home design, key in those terms to initiate your search. Additionally, you may find ideas in the library's magazine section in titles such as **Better Homes & Gardens** or **Architectural Digest**.
- **The Plainfield Public Library** also has many magazines about antiques and antique collecting, which may interest those who like to embellish their homes with antique items. Ideas can be found in **Antiques & Collecting Magazine**, **Art & Antiques**, and **The Magazine Antiques**.



Take advantage of this periodical title, **Architectural Digest**, in your library to find ideas on home design. It is a monthly publication.

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# Interior & Exterior Decorating & Gardening Projects

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## Overview Commentary

Have you saved to work on refurbishing your yard to create a new living space but don't quite have your new plans crystallized yet? Perhaps you found a wonderful set of pieces for your yard at a flea market, but need some tips on ways to spruce them up or add a little pizzazz to them. You've been staring out at the patch in the back yard in front of a few trees and wanting to insert an eye-catching garden for years, and now's the time, but you need some layout and landscaping ideas!

**The Plainfield Public Library** has a plethora of resources available for you to consult and start those decorating and landscaping ideas flowing! We can direct you to helpful web sites, books, and magazines.

Whether your goal is to revitalize your yard space, put a tasteful embellishment on an old piece of furniture, do a crafts project to accent an interior space, or redecorate a whole room, make your library the first stop in your project to create a fresh new look for your home or apartment!



There are many benefits to buying **unfinished furniture**.

The first is saving money.

Additionally, when you buy unfinished, you can evaluate the wood quality easier and varnish and polyurethane the item to your personal tastes.

You can color coordinate the piece with other unfinished pieces or pre-existing ones and the floor of the room you are designing or refurbishing.

## Some Highlighted Resources

- *Garden Ornaments*, by Moira Hankinson, call # 712.6 HAN
- [www.african-images.com](http://www.african-images.com)
- *Abode a La Mode: 44 Projects for Hip Home Décor*, by Jeanée Ledoux, call # 747 LED
- <http://planetgreen.discovery.com>
- *African Accents: Fabrics and Crafts to Decorate Your Home*, by Lisa Shepard, call #s 745.5 SHE (Adult Nonfiction collection) or DIVERSITY 745.5 SHE (Archives Collection)
- *Bachelor Style: Architecture and Interiors*, by Sally Griffiths, call # 728.08 GRI



There are web sites online that can give you **budget decorating** and home furnishing tips. One example is found at [www.thebudgetdecorator.com/Index.html](http://www.thebudgetdecorator.com/Index.html).

### On Home Design

*"There are no absolutes. You just have to be inspired, passionate and informed. Then you take it and make it your own. That's really where beauty comes from."*

**Kevin Sharkley**

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## In-house Books

- *Budget Living: Home Cheap Home: a Room-by-room Guide to Great Decorating: 500 Ideas*, Published by A Perigee Book, call# 747 BUD
- *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Decorating Your Home*, by Mary Ann Young, call# 747 YOU
- *The Everything Landscaping Book: From Planning to Planting, Mulching to Maintenance--Simple Steps to Beautify Your Property*, Allan A. Swenson, call# 712 SWE
- *Martha Stewart's Encyclopedia of Crafts: An A-to-Z Guide with Detailed Instructions and Endless Inspiration*, by Stewart, Martha, call# R 745.5 MAR
- *The Cheapskate's Guide to Home Decorating: How to Make, Find, or Buy Inexpensive But Stylish Décor*, by Jo Stewart Wray, call # 645 WRA

## Articles

- *Designer Savvy: How to Pick a Decorator*. Mui, Ylan Q. Washington Post, The; 01/23/2010, Section E01.
- *East Meets Northeast: An Accidental Gardener Turned His Modest Minneapolis Yard Into an Asian-inspired Garden With Sculpted Topiary Trees*. Nelson, Connie. Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN); 11/11/2008.
- *The Bathroom as Haven*. Futurist; Nov98, Vol. 32 Issue 8, p11, 1/3p, 2 Color Photographs.
- *How to Paint a Room*. Colucci, Rosa. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (PA); 12/26/2009.
- *Moving In*. Shinn, Meghan. Horticulture; Oct/Nov2009, Vol. 106 Issue 7, p22-29, 8p, 8 Color Photographs.

## Online Resources

- [www.goantiques.com](http://www.goantiques.com)
- [www.hgtv.com/green-home/green-decorating-basics-from-linda-woodrum/index.html](http://www.hgtv.com/green-home/green-decorating-basics-from-linda-woodrum/index.html)
- [www.bhg.com](http://www.bhg.com)
- [www.architecturaldigest.com/homes](http://www.architecturaldigest.com/homes)
- [www.scotts.com/smg/home/home1.jsp](http://www.scotts.com/smg/home/home1.jsp)
- [www.hgtv.com/designers-portfolio/main/index.html](http://www.hgtv.com/designers-portfolio/main/index.html)
- <http://landscaping.about.com>
- [www.extremehowto.com/xh/index.asp](http://www.extremehowto.com/xh/index.asp)
- [www.the-landscape-design-site.com](http://www.the-landscape-design-site.com)
- [http://interiordec.about.com/od/decorateforbegin/a/a\\_whatistyle.htm](http://interiordec.about.com/od/decorateforbegin/a/a_whatistyle.htm)
- [www.thisoldhouse.com/toh](http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh)
- <http://architecture.about.com/od/housestyles/tp/housestylesindex.htm>
- [www.hgtv.com](http://www.hgtv.com)