



Brick Skirting Gives Mobile Home A New Look

"It gives any mobile home the beauty and look of a partial brick home," says Dan Spiller, Stonecote Co., Inc., Cleburne, Texas, about the company's new "Stonecote" skirting that looks and feels like real brick, stone, or rock.

The skirting consists of panels up to 16 ft. long and 4 ft. wide. They have a hard masonry-type facing over a 2-in. thick styrofoam backing. Panels are available in four designs including brick, rock (random sizes), Austin-cut stone, and textured, and in seven colors including white, cream, tan, light gray (mortar color), Confederate gray, Thunder gray, and deck red. The panels are buried 4 in. deep in the ground to keep animals from getting under the house. A capstone fits over

the top of each panel and screws to the house.

"It makes any mobile home look like a site-built home and won't rot, warp, or deteriorate," says Spiller. "It looks and feels so real that after it's installed you can't tell the difference between it and the real material. It's more durable and will absorb a much harder impact than vinyl or metal. Another advantage is that the styrofoam and stonecote provide a high insulation value which should reduce your heating and cooling bill considerably."

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Electric Power Kit Fits Any Bike

A California company says its new electric bike kit still provides the fun of biking but with a lot less sweat.

Zap Power Systems, of Sebastopol, offers a kit to convert your existing bike to electric power. They also sell a variety of bikes with factory-installed electric power.

The Zap power unit consists of a maintenance-free battery, battery case, quick charger, switches, wiring, and drive unit. A 2-speed switch controls the motor which doubles as a generator when you pedal or go downhill, feeding electricity back to the battery.

The battery measures 7 by 7 by 3 in. and weighs about 12 1/2 lbs. It's held by a battery tray bolted to the seat tube and protected by a heavy nylon bag. The battery powers a friction drive wheel that runs against the rear wheel. The rider has to pedal to activate the switch that controls the motor.

"It works great going into headwinds or up hills," says Alex Campbell. "The power system helps you pedal. The range of the bike if you don't pedal at all is 15 to 20 miles, depending on the terrain and user weight. If you're actively pedaling on flat ground, you



can go all day. The charger plugs into any 110-volt socket. Maximum charging time is 3 hours."

Options include a 25-watt headlight, speedometer, exercise stand, battery "fuel" gauge, quick-release seat, mobile charger, and solar panel that lets you use sunlight to charge the battery.

The add-on kit sells for about \$375 plus S&H. The Power Bike sells for \$899 plus S&H. A "Shopper" version equipped with baskets on front and back sells for \$749.99 plus S&H.

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Underground "Bunker" Provides Shelter From Storms

The past several years of unpredictably wild weather have boosted business for a Kansas manufacturer of steel-reinforced concrete storm shelters.

Designed for installation on flat or hilly ground, the shelter is constructed of 4-in. thick concrete walls reinforced with 3/8-in. thick rebar. It features a 10-ga. leak-proof steel door that bolts from the inside, metal steps the full width of the door with two handrails, and an 8-in. dia. turbine ventilator.

On flat ground, the shelter is installed 4 ft. in the ground with dirt from the excavation

placed around three sides. On hilly terrain, it's installed with the front of the shelter 4 ft. in the ground leaving the bottom of the door just above ground level.

A standard shelter, which accommodates 12 to 15 people, is 6 ft. wide by 8 ft. long by 6 ft. 2 in. tall. It sells for \$1,895.

A handicap model with a wider door to accommodate wheelchairs or walkers is also available for \$2,195.

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Pedaled "Go-Kart" Is Ideal For Farm Kids

Kids love these pedaled go-carts and the big tires are ideal for gravel roads or rough terrain," says Edney Distributing, a well-known farm equipment distributor which recently began importing this line of innovative go-carts from Holland. Standard equipment includes 40-in. wheels, hand brake, enclosed chain guard, chain tightener, free-wheel hub, and an adjustable seat. A pivoting front axle, metal fenders, parking brake, and reflectors are also standard on some models.

The free-wheel hub leaves the pedals free when rolling downhill (just like a bike). The Toronto model is available with a "super free wheel hub". By pushing the brake handle

downward you can disconnect the free wheel hub to drive the Go-Kart backward. When you loosen the handle the free wheel will be active again.

Optional equipment includes a tipping trailer, twin seat, speedometer, bullbar, carry-on box, digger, flashing rear light, wide wheels and sporty wheels. The speedometer has a built-in stopwatch for competitions.

Costs start at \$350 plus S&H. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Edney Distributing Co., 8485 215th St. W., Lakeville, Minn. 55044 (ph 612 469-5267; fax 5269).

Great New Way To Bag Leaves

Many inventors have come up with new devices designed to make it easier to fill plastic lawn bags with leaves. Steve Sanders of Reston, Va., decided to simply invent a new-style bag.

His "Leaf Releaf" bag is a 6-ft. dia. flat plastic sheet with a drawstring along its edge. To use, you simply lay the sheet on the ground, rake leaves onto it, then pull the drawstring to close it. It holds more than twice as much as a standard 30-gal. plastic bag.

Sanders has designed a machine to manufacture the bags, and is looking for manufacturing and distribution assistance.

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