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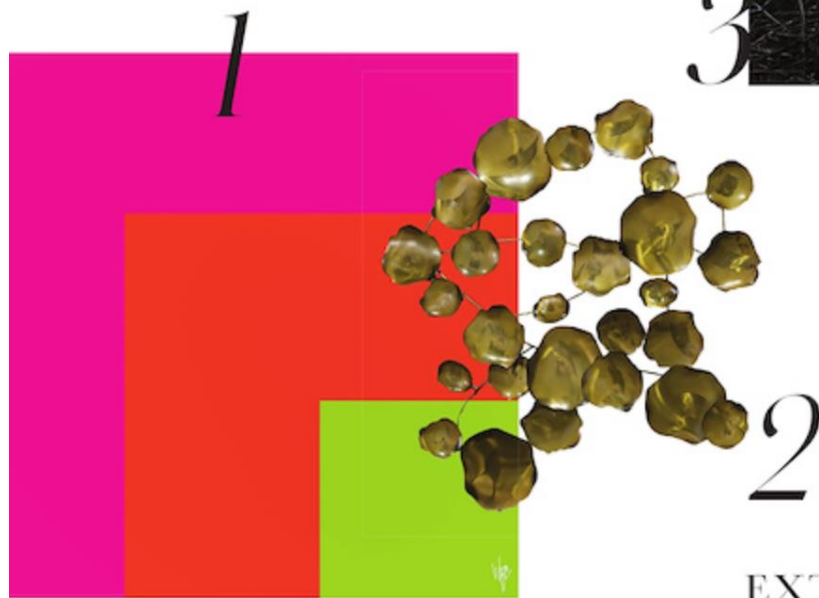
ALFRESCO ART

OUTDOOR DÉCOR GETS AN ARTISTIC UPGRADE

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With outdoor spaces coming into their own as full-fledged rooms, the finishing touches that make a room become more important — rugs, lighting, pillows, etc. But one extra that's often overlooked is art. In interiors, art adds color, texture and visual interest to spaces. It allows the homeowner to express their creativity and passion. It breathes life into rooms that could otherwise be stodgy or bland.

Same goes for outside. While the idea of hanging a painting outdoors might seem ludicrous, a growing assortment of exterior-safe wall art and décor make it clear that the gallery mustn't always be inside. "Layering mirrors, sculpture or wooden pieces can create interior looks in outdoor spaces," says Stephanie James of High Point firm Allen and James Interior Design. "We are constantly on the hunt for outdoor art sources, as we use them to add funk." ▶



1. The bold hues of **WENDY CON-CANNON**'s color block collection brighten outdoor spaces. The artist's works can be printed on metal that's suitable for exterior display.

2. **PALECEK**'s Deco Leaf wall sculpture is made with delicate hand-cut tin leaves in a burned bronze finish that will naturally develop a patina over time.

3. Photographer **WINK GAINES** captures dazzling images of the natural world and prints them on an aluminum substrate that adds a level of durability to withstand the outdoor elements.

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