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And don't overlook your own garden as a source of interesting and inexpensive art. Nancy Eastman is owner of Lakewood's Art of the Land and a member of the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado. She designs outdoor decorations using materials from her yard. "I found a few abandoned bird nests in my trees and filled them with red winter fruits I picked off the trees," Eastman says. "Then I placed the nests on a board, surrounded them with dried fall leaves and lashed the board to canes I'd pruned in summer. It made for a wonderful yard art in a sheltered spot in my garden."

Eastman also uses dried flowers and grasses, stones, trimmed branches, found metal and other objects to design wreaths and yard art for her garden.

Even porch pots that contained long-gone annuals can be stuffed with pine boughs, pinecones, berries, twigs and branches to create visual focal points.



This inexpensive garden art was made entirely with found garden items by homeowner and landscape designer, Nancy Eastman