

ART in the GARDEN

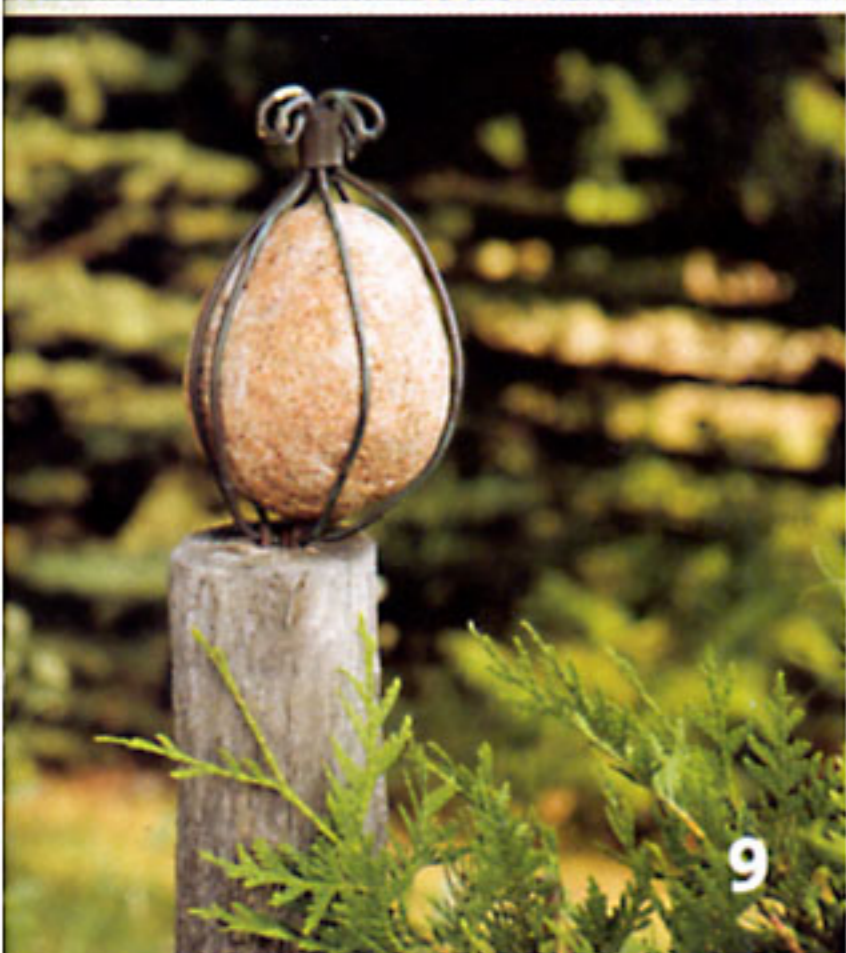
Artful touches in a garden remind us that a creative spirit cultivates the space – and often the most pleasing of these evolve from materials found close at hand.

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1. Standing at the edge of an Ontario garden, an Inukshuk gazes out across a grassy sea.

2. Unearthed from the flowerbeds, the sculptural forms of rusted tools, machine parts and horseshoes hang out along a split-rail fence.

3. Twig diamonds and a star embellish a sturdy handrail, giving style to its substance.

4. Almost luminous against the green, smooth white concrete spheres appeal to the hand and offer the eye a pleasing contrast to the busy textures of foliage and stone.

5. A flock of fat terra-cotta birds basks on sunny shelves hung on an old shed.

6. Strung up a metal backbone, unused flowerpots stand in a flowerbed, awaiting the call to serve.

7. A low twig fence – woven back and forth around thick wooden uprights set into the ground – marks the boundary of a pebble pathway.

8. A twig arbour is naturally at home over this woodland walk mulched with sawdust and fragrant shredded cedar bark.

9. Sporting a jaunty plume of wire, a caged granite egg is the perfect rustic finial for this weathered fence post.

10. A diminutive country cottage, fitted together from notched slices of stone, perches beside a poppy plant. With time, lichens and moss will creep across its walls.

11. An assemblage of concrete forms, tipped with a tiny metal spire, rises above spikes of lavender.

12. Softball-size rounds of granite – known as “hard heads” – top recycled bodies of wrought-iron candlesticks that stand in line along a ledge.

13. Set in concrete, a sunburst of stone, pebbles and a recycled round of metalwork centres a circular patch of herbs. The monumental bench beckons one to sit and indulge in the heady scents.

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