

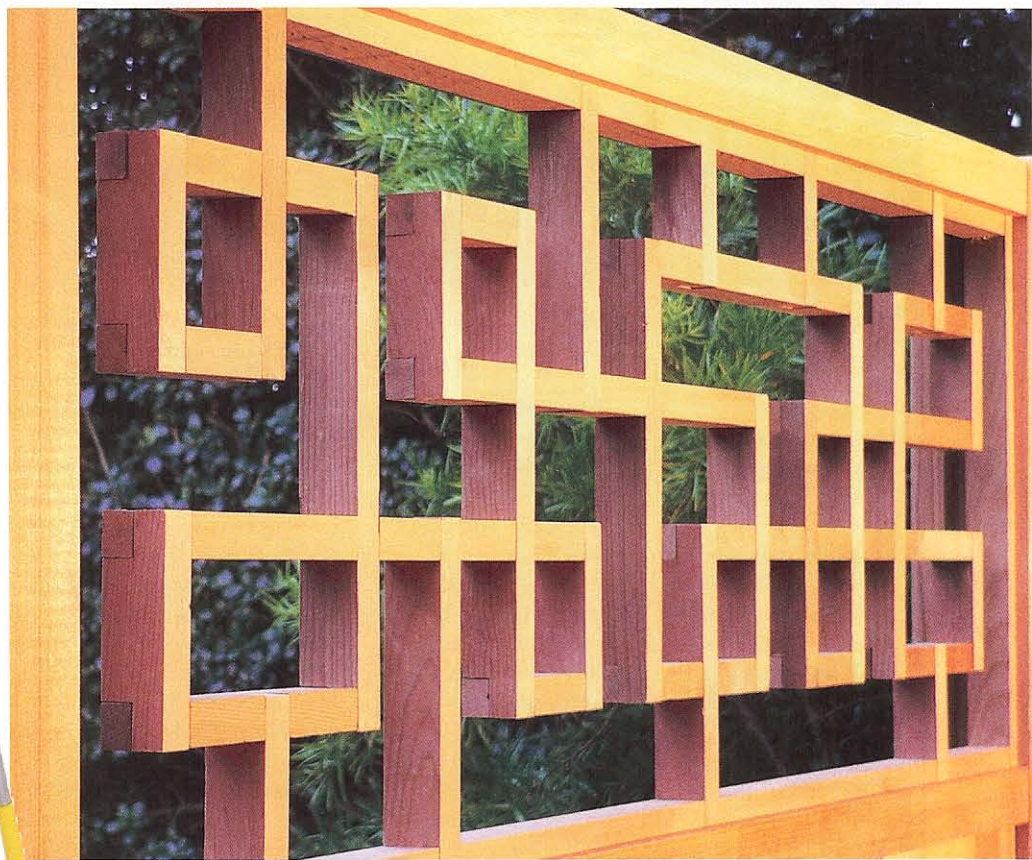


▲ COOL TOOL

Ames Collector Series' new leaf rake renders yard cleanups a snap. Designed with an innovative head, large basket and easy-grip steel handle, the lightweight tool makes it easy to collect more leaves in less time. Find this and other rakes by Ames True Temper at Lowe's stores and lowes.com.

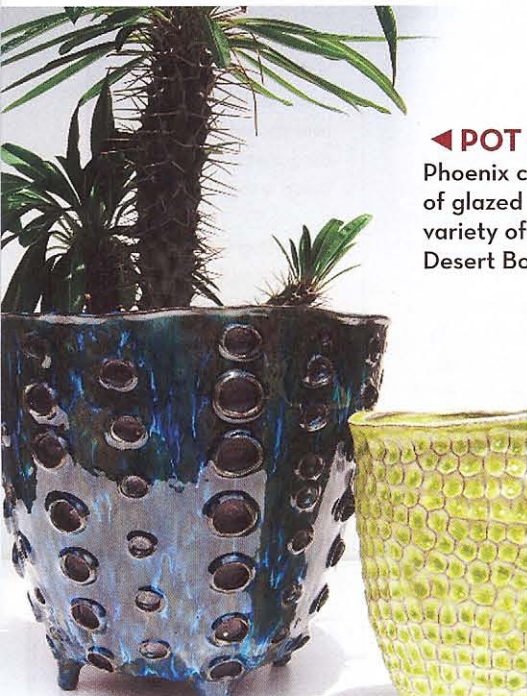
▼ LATTICE REINVENTED

If you think garden lattice has gone out of style, creations by LatticeStix might change your mind. The San Francisco-based company crafts cedar lattice panels in more than 80 patterns. The striking pieces are ideal for gates, fences, accents, screens, trellises and even as art. To peruse the company's many offerings, log on to latticestix.com.



◀ POT COUTURE

Phoenix ceramist Mike Cone takes his container designs to a new level with his line of glazed footed stoneware pots. The nonporous vessels, called Pony Pots, come in a variety of colors, sizes, shapes and textures. They can be found at the Plant Shop at Desert Botanical Garden, (480) 481-8113. For other locations, log on to mikecone.com.



GARDEN TIP

Irrigate planting beds before spreading mulch; otherwise, water will have a difficult time getting through to the soil and plants.

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