URBAN DESIGN
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YOUR OWN URBAN OASIS

In an urban environment, even the tiniest outdoor oasis can serve as a precious reprieve from bustling surroundings. However, tight lots can present a design challenge, leaving little margin for error in achieving the perfect balance between hardscape and landscape elements.

Unilock® pavers and retaining walls can help with a vast array of shapes, textures and colors, delivering high aesthetic impact and maximum function in hardscapes that are designed to complement their organic counterparts. Whether you're looking for a contemporary, modern look or a timeworn, historic feel, Unilock has the product for you. With Unilock, even the smallest outdoor space can be extraordinary.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The front entrance can reveal much about the inhabitants of a home, expressing personal style, grabbing the attention of passersby or simply delivering a warm welcome to family and friends.

If your front entrance is accessed directly from the sidewalk, consider a built-in planter to delineate your property from the street. Create an attractive walkway to guide guests to your front door, and if space permits, consider expanding your living space by creating a small outdoor seating area.

Natural Stone

Copthorne® with Ledgestone® Step

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A DRIVE TO IMPRESS

A Unilock® driveway can be the exclamation point to the pride you feel every time you come home. Designed to withstand the rigors of vehicular use throughout the seasons, your Unilock driveway will stand the test of time.

Choose a paver that complements the architecture of your home and think about how an accent border might help add interest.

In the modest space of an urban environment, it's more affordable than you might think.

Artline™ with Series 3000™

Town Hall™ with Umbriano™

BACKYARD OASIS

Connect with loved ones and enjoy some relaxation time in your own backyard patio retreat. Pavers are a popular choice for small yards because they are an attractive and low maintenance method of expanding useable space. Layering plant material around paver elements and incorporating varieties that add height, can help give your yard a greater feeling of grandeur.

Richcliff™ with Lineo™ Dimensional Stone water feature

Thornbury™ with Rivercrest™ Wall fire feature

DEFINED SPACE

Although it may at first seem counterintuitive, dividing a small space into distinct rooms or vignettes can help visually expand a small space. Specific areas for cooking, dining and entertaining are possible in even the tightest back yards, as long as scale is kept in mind when designing features. Vertical dimensions like small walls or a change of levels can help define an area without sacrificing useable space.

Copthorne® with
Brussels Block®

Estate Wall®
with Ledgestone™

FINE DETAILS

Consider seat walls to provide a defined edge for your patio and extra seating options without the clutter and bulk of additional patio furniture.

Pillars and garden walls, complemented with attractive softscaping, can also be used to create attractive vignettes.

Finally, borders and accents remain a popular choice to visually break up the main paver field and separate vertical elements. To tie project elements together, you might even choose to incorporate these accent pavers in vertical features.

Umbriano® and Brussels Dimensional seat wall with Copthorne® accent

Umbriano® and Rivercrest® Wall with Senzo™ accents

BEYOND SUMMER DAYS

To extend your patio season into the cooler months, consider a fire feature. If a fireplace is not possible, an attractive built-in fire pit may be an option.

Take the time to plan lighting as well. While lighting allows you to continue to enjoy your outdoor space after dark, it can also be a decorative accent. Use lighting to illuminate attractive features that you can appreciate from both inside and outside your house, year round.

Artline™ with Town Hall™ accent

Artline with Town Hall border and Lineo™ Dimensional Stone with Ledgestone™ firepit

CREATE A SPACE **TO LOVE**

Whether your love is quiet, solitary gardening or entertaining groups of boisterous friends and family, be sure to create an outdoor space that's conducive to whatever you love to do.

A meandering path can encourage visitors to explore an interesting garden, while a wide, level patio with steps and seat walls for extra seating options, may better suit the needs of frequent party hosts.

Copthorne
with Brussels Block

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CREATIVE SPACES

The use of your outdoor space is bound only by your imagination.

Perhaps you live in a busy urban neighborhood and need a safe place for kids to play outside. A paved courtyard complete with basketball net may be a creative, low-maintenance solution. Or perhaps you consider your small front lawn to be wasted space. Get creative and turn it into a cozy place to relax outdoors. The possibilities are endless.

Thornbury™ with Series 3000® border and Brussels Dimensional with Ledgestone™ firepit

Senzo™

A SMALL SPACE **TRANSFORMED**

This charming Dutch colonial on a small city lot (50′ x 65′) in Evanston, Illinois, had just a little room for an outside living space on the south side of the lot inside a narrow, fenced area.

The contractor designed a 45 degree stoop and stairs to maximize space for the Unilock® patio.

This small, once barren area has been transformed into a beautiful outdoor space, perfect for entertaining.

BEFORE

AFTER
Brussels Block

ENJOY THE (ROOFTOP) VIEW

Expanding living space to urban rooftops is an emerging trend that often calls for larger scale, paver slabs.

Whether your preference is for a modern look or a more casual feel, Unilock® offers a variety of products suited to rooftops that can help you create a dream patio in the sky.

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Natural Stone

BEAUTIFYING **PARKWAYS**

Keep the front of your home from turning into a muddy, weed-filled mess by installing pavers in the parkway area. This low maintenance solution can be both functional and attractive.

Or use the space to build a front garden planter filled with greenery to beautify your neighborhood and welcome guests.

Most parkways are achievable with a modest budget and can often be installed in a day or two.

Copthorne®

Belmuro™ Wall with Natural Stone coping

PERMEABLE **PAVERS**

In a small setting, finding a place to direct rainwater runoff from patios and driveways can be a concern. In fact, a growing number of municipalities are putting laws in place to restrict the use of impermeable surfaces on residential properties in order to control storm water runoff.

More than twenty years ago, Unilock® was the first company to offer permeable pavers as a solution. Permeable pavers allow rainwater to permeate between the joints, through the base material and back into the ground. It's a practical solution to the problem of drainage, that's good for the environment.

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Eco-Priora™ with Copthorne® border

STANDOUT
COMMON AREAS

The common areas of townhomes, duplex homes and condominium buildings come to life with the help of Unilock® pavers and walls, built to withstand the demands of heavy use.

From spectacular drives and entryways, to plazas, pool surrounds and outdoor entertaining areas, remarkable Unilock products turn the ordinary into extraordinary.

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360 West Hubbard, Chicago
Design: Daniel Weinbach & Partners, LTD

Series3000® and Unigranite®
First Mercury Financial Corporation, Michigan
Design: Marc Russell, Russell Design

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