

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Deck Accessories Give “Finished” Look To Outdoor Living Spaces

(NAPSA)—Millions of homeowners are enjoying the additional living space a deck or patio affords their families. In fact, 25 percent of American homes now have decks—that’s 30 million decks.

As more and more families take advantage of the added living space, the traditional deck is becoming more upscale. Homeowners are realizing that simple touches such as adding attractive, ready-made accessories can easily draw out a deck’s charm.

Just as crown molding beautifies a home’s interior aesthetics, finishing touches such as post caps and post base rings can do wonders by covering a deck’s mechanical eyesores. Post caps come in a number of styles—ranging from angled peaks to flat top surfaces, for example. Post base rings, such as those offered by CertainTeed Boardwalk Composite Decking and Railing, can elegantly accentuate the intersection between post and deck surface.

Another simple addition is “fascia,” which conceals structural essentials such as unsightly screws and support beams of knotty southern yellow pine. Fascia is designed to complement existing deck design and create a smooth, finished look.

When choosing a decking system, it often makes sense to go with a style that is part of a complete decking and railing system.



**The addition of simple touches can turn your deck into your family’s favorite living room.**

This ensures you that your deck—from floor planking to railing and accessories—maintains a consistent, finished look. The Boardwalk system by CertainTeed is a good bet. The system is easy to install, requires no painting or sealing, and is barefoot-friendly, meaning it won’t splinter or crack.

A deck can add much needed living space to a home. By adding simple exterior accessories, your deck can become your family’s favorite living room.

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