

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Five Amazing Facts About Decks

(NAPSA)—A growing number of homeowners are walking the deck. Their own. Homeowners are building them and renovating them more than ever. But did you know these five amazing facts about decks?

- **Smart investment:** Your home is a big investment. It's an even better investment if you add a deck. You can realize a 100 percent return on your investment. And if you build it yourself, you're likely to get a better return. Homebuyers today want houses with decks. Decks expand a home's living space—and they provide countless ways to have fun.

- **Party central:** Think of year-round fun on your deck. On New Year's, you and your guests can gather on your deck and celebrate the stroke of midnight with champagne. On July 4, you can sip iced tea and enjoy your built-in hot tub. On Halloween, you can organize a pumpkin-carving contest and line jack-o'-lanterns around your deck.

- **More beautiful, safe and durable than ever:** It used to be that you had to use screws or nails to build a deck, leaving hundreds of holes and splinters. Not anymore. Thanks to EB-TY® Hidden Deck Fasteners™, you can build a deck without any holes to spoil the beauty and safety of your decking material. Using hidden fasteners means no nails to pop up and injure bare feet. Made in the United States of polypropylene, there's a hidden deck fastener for every kind of decking material.

- **Decking materials galore:** Some decking materials are suited to warm climates and others are



DECKED OUT—Decks not only look good, they expand a home's living space.

perfect for withstanding snow and ice. You have a wide selection of hardwood, from California redwood to exotic Ipé. Or you can use a composite material, such as Correct-Deck® decking, which is environmentally friendly and beautiful.

- **Natural connections:** Whether you live in a Vermont farmhouse or a California bungalow, decks connect you with nature. You can grow herbs in pots, raise prizewinning roses and listen to wind chimes on your deck. You can enjoy dinner alfresco, watch for the first springtime robin, listen to flocks of geese fly overhead in autumn and make a wish upon a star in winter. Life is hectic, but decks give you an easy escape to peace and quiet.

Whether you're building or renovating a deck, you're on to a hot trend. For more information about decks, visit www.ebty.com or call 1-800-438-3289.