

## HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

### Cutting Costs On Decorative Walkways & Borders

(NAPSA)—Homeowners can now save money when building walkways, steps and borders by using molds designed to form concrete into the look of brick, block or stone accents for use in gardens and around their homes.

The cost of paving brick, block or stone can quickly turn a simple project into an expensive one. Fortunately, homeowners can cut costs without compromising quality by utilizing reusable plastic molds. The molds come in a variety of brick and stone patterns to help build concrete walkways through gardens, steps leading to doorways, or borders around flower beds.

One such manufacturer of these molds is The QUIKRETE® Companies, which offers the Walk Maker, StepMaker and Border Maker. Also, colors can be added to the concrete during the mixing process to achieve an authentic look of red brick, terra cotta stone or slate.

To create a walkway, steps or border, do-it-yourselfers need a mold pattern, QUIKRETE® packaged concrete, a mixing bucket or wheelbarrow, a trowel and a shovel. Once the materials are gathered, follow these step-by-step directions:

1. The ground will need to be cleared of grass and the soil should be leveled to allow the mold to be properly applied.

2. Follow the directions on the



**Concrete molds make it easier to create steps and walkways that resemble brick or stone.**

- bag to prepare the concrete.

3. Place the mold level on the ground and fill the cavities of the mold with the concrete.

4. When the mold is completely filled, use a trowel to smooth the surface until the concrete is even with the mold.

5. Once the concrete starts to hold its shape, gently remove the mold. Smooth the edges using the trowel until desired appearance is reached.

6. To continue the pattern, simply place the mold at the end of the first application. Repeat steps 3 through 5 until the desired length of the walkway, steps or border is reached.

To learn more about the variety of mold patterns or cement colors available, or to calculate the amount of packaged concrete needed for a particular project, visit [www.quikrete.com](http://www.quikrete.com) or call 1-800-282-5828.