

Siding Gives House "Log Cabin" Look

If you like the look of a log house but prefer to live in the house you have, look around for an ABC Seamless dealer.

ABC Seamless, Fargo, North Dakota, franchises local contractors all over the country to install seamless siding and gutters formed on-site from steel coils. The company recently introduced an attachment for their patented siding forming machine that allows the same steel to be formed in the shape of a log - or half log.

Scott Seiller, marketing director for ABC Seamless, says this means you can have log-look siding in any of the 15 different colors now available as normal maintenance-free flat siding.

Seiller says one customer even asked the company to put Seamless Steel Log siding on his log house. "He said maintaining the logs was a never-ending process and he just wanted to put something over them that would last," he says.

As each panel of ABC Seamless Steel Log Home Siding is applied, a blanket of insulation is placed between the old exterior and the new siding. Then a custom made foam backer is inserted behind each individual log contour for added strength and support. This foam backer insures that the siding holds its log shape.

Jerry Beyers, ABC Seamless Steel Siding president, says their siding gives the rustic look of logs without the worry of the constant staining and caulking that's necessary with traditional wood log siding. "With our steel siding and insulation backer, homeowners will benefit from lower heating and cooling costs and siding that won't crack, chip or rust," he says.



Steel siding is formed in the shape of a log or half log. It's available in 15 different colors.

In addition to siding, the company also installs soffits and fascia boards in matching colors. ABC Seamless Steel Siding has 125 franchises in 38 states. To date, most of the interest in their log-look siding has been in the Upper Midwest.

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Dog Walking Leash For Bicycles

After buying a chocolate Labrador puppy, avid bicycle rider Dean Keyek-Franssen of Lafayette, Colorado, started looking for a way to take his dog along while he rode.

He found an attachment that clipped to the dog's leash and used a spring as a shock absorber, but it wasn't long before the spring broke.

Keyek-Franssen soon came up with his own design, using a molded flexible urethane rod that mounts into a bone-shaped plastic bracket attached to the bike's rear triangle.

"The rod is rigid enough to hold the lead, but can bend 90 degrees in any direction without breaking to absorb jolts and bumps that might be transferred from the bike to the dog, or from the dog to the bike," he says.

He designed a special harness for the dog that attaches to a 13 to 15-in. cord. "It's long enough to keep the dog away from the pedal, but short enough to keep him from getting in front of or behind the bicycle," he explains. The urethane rod fastens to a bracket on the bicycle with a single pin. "If you want to get off the bicycle and take your dog walking, you just pull the pin and you have an instant leash."

Keyek-Franssen calls his patented invention BikerDog. It's been available for a few months in areas around Boulder, Colorado, and he's negotiating with a national pet supply retail chain to make it more widely available.

He's also developed a version that allows people who use wheel chairs to

take their dogs with them. BikerDog allows the user to keep both hands on the wheelchair or bicycle for safety.

He notes that BikerDog should be used with a certain amount of common sense. "You can bicycle faster than a dog can run," he says. "It's not meant to be used at top speed. That wouldn't be safe for the dog or the rider. Rather, you need to ride more leisurely, at a speed that allows the dog to trot or run comfortably alongside."

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Flexible rod mounts in a plastic bracket that attaches to bike's rear triangle. A special harness for the dog attaches to a cord that's long enough to keep dog away from pedal, but short enough to keep him from getting in front of or behind the bike.



Cordless Walk-Behind Trimmer

New cordless, walk-behind string trimmer mounts on wheels. It's quiet, lightweight, and easy to handle.

The Estate Trimmer 500 is powered by a 12-volt high torque motor that's powered by a maintenance-free battery. The head is offset, allowing you to work close to walls and fences. The unit has an 8-in. cut and can accept either string or blades. The handle's angle can be adjusted by loosening a thumb screw at the base of the handle.

"It's great for trimming around trees, along flower beds, fences, etc.," says Milton Edney, "It's strictly a grass trimmer and doesn't have enough power to cut through heavy weeds or brush. It comes with a battery charger and will run about 40 minutes, on average, before it needs to be recharged."

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Trimmer is powered by a 12-volt high torque motor that's powered by a maintenance-free battery.



Flashlight features a super bright blue LED bulb that will never wear out, says the company. Most importantly, it never needs batteries.

Lifetime Flashlight

The Forever Flashlight, from Excalibur Electronics, could be the last flashlight you'll ever need to buy.

At least that's what the company says about its unusual flashlight, which features a super bright blue LED bulb that will never wear out. The flashlight is waterproof, floats and, most importantly, never needs batteries. That's because it contains a micro generator that the company says will last forever with no maintenance ever needed.

To charge the flashlight, you merely shake it. The company says 15 to 30 seconds of shaking results in up to 5 minutes of continuous bright light that's visible for up to a mile.

The normal-sized flashlight sells for \$39.95 plus shipping. A smaller version sells for \$29.95. Both come with a lifetime guarantee.

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brown well on each side. Serve with butter and honey.

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Tomato Soup

(75-year-old recipe)

3 cups fresh or home canned tomatoes
1 tsp baking soda
4 cups milk
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1 tbsp butter

Bring tomatoes to a boil. Simmer 10 min. Mash tomatoes. Add baking soda.

Let foam subside and add milk, salt, pepper and butter. Do not boil. Serve hot.

Carlton Cannon, Seaford, Del.

Coca-Cola Salad

2 pkg. cherry gelatin
16-oz can pitted black cherries
16-oz can crushed pineapple
1 12-oz can Coca-Cola
1 cup pecans

Drain juice from cherries and pineapple. Chill fruit and cola for 20 min. If juice does not measure two cups, add water to make 2 cups. Bring to a boil. Dissolve gelatin in juices and let set until slightly thickened. Add chilled cola, fruit, and nuts. Cover and chill. Serve with whipped cream.

Esther Kehler, St. Xavier, Mont.

Holy Cow Cake

1 box chocolate cake mix
1 can Eagle Brand milk (not cooked)
1 carton caramel apple dip
8 oz Cool Whip
1 Nestle's Crunch bar

Bake cake according to directions. When done, poke holes all over top of cake. Pour milk over top and allow to soak in while cake is warm. Spread caramel on top, let cool. Layer Cool Whip on top and shave candy bar on top.
Mrs. Mose L. Miller