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Motorize Your Bike Or Scooter

Motorizing a bike or scooter is easy and quick with this do-it-yourself kit from a Pennsylvania company.

"Everything is included," says Carl Kollar, owner of Diverse Electronic Service. "When you take it out of the box, just attach a motor and two 12-volt batteries, and you're off and running."

The system includes a controller, wire harness and a 24 to 12-volt power converter. The converter makes it possible to operate 12-volt accessories, such as lights and horn. Also in-

cluded is an anti-theft device that disables the system until a signal is received from a key chain mounted transmitter. Two LED displays monitor battery voltage and current use.

The system sells for \$100 or components can be purchased separately.

Contact FARM SHOW Followup, Carl Kollar, Diverse Electronic Services, 1202 Gemini Street, Nanticoke, Penn. 18634-3306, (ph 570 735-5053 for info; 888-314-6998 orders only; E-mail: carlk3jml@bigfoot.com).

"Memorial Stones" Preserve Memories Of Special Pet

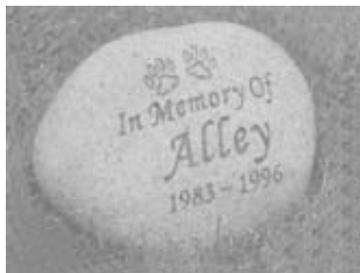
If you want to do something special to memorialize a favorite family pet, here's an idea from a stone engraving company called "Hold That Thought" out of Concord, Calif.

The company engraves images and words onto stones that can be used as memorials to be placed at a gravesite or simply in the yard or garden.

The stones are sold in small (3 to 6 in.), medium (6 to 9 in.), and large (9 to 14-in.) sizes. Images can be included on medium and large stones at no extra charge. They include cat paws, dog paws, bone, feather, or heart.

A small stone sells for \$49.95 plus S&H, a medium stone for \$79.95, and a large stone for \$119.95.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Hold That Thought, 1410 Monument Blvd., 102-



Images and words can be engraved onto stones that can be used as memorials to your pet.

JJ, Concord, Calif. 94520 (ph 925 676-9100; fax 925 676-9189; Website: www.petmemorialart.com).

Gun Vault Keeps Handguns Secure But Easily Accessible

The manufacturer of this new GunVault® Safe says it combines the safety of a locked vault and easy accessibility needed in an emergency.

Owners can get it quickly using an electronic keypad. An internal battery pack provides power to the keypad and pops open the spring-loaded door when the correct code is entered. A low-battery indicator beeps when batteries need to be replaced. Should the batteries ever fail, the owner can still get in with a key.

All models can be secured permanently with screws, but also have knockouts for securing the vault with a cable.

Sells for \$130. A 2-gun vault is available. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, GunGuard GunVault, Doskocil Manufactur-



Owners can get quick access to their gun using an electronic keypad. The spring-loaded door pops open when the correct code is entered.

ing Co., Inc., Box 1246, Arlington, Texas 76004-1246 (ph 888 707-7678; Website: www.doskocil.com).

How About This? Designer Countertops Made Of Concrete!

You drive on concrete and you shovel "stuff" off of concrete, but you probably never figured it would show up in your kitchen.

But that's just what's happening thanks to a number of companies that are making concrete countertops for kitchens and bathrooms that look, feel and wear like stone. Some companies are even starting to use it for sinks, bathtubs, furniture and showy floors with the look of real stone, according to Jim Peterson, president of the Concrete Network, which bills itself as "the earth's largest directory of concrete construction services and concrete products."

Peterson says concrete fabricators, using special formulations and colorings, can make countertops in any number of kitchen or bathroom colors. The concrete can be as smooth and shiny as a mirror - or rough and sandpaper-like, depending on your preference. And it can be made to look like stone or solid surface synthetics like Corian or Avonite. It also competes with them in performance and price.

Because it is cast in molds, concrete can include texturing, repeated patterns, and embedded decorations, like shells, fossils, glass, and so on that you can't easily include in other types of countertops.

Chemical stains, pigments, use of various aggregates and epoxy coatings can make concrete look like marble, granite or limestone. One company boasts of making concrete in 140 different colors. Another says they'll match any color you give them — for a price.

If you were doing it yourself, you'd probably pour a concrete countertop in place, but the experts say making countertops is not a trick you should try at home. Rather, it should be done in a fabricating shop where lines and edges can be formed more precisely and it can be cured and sealed under controlled conditions.



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Concrete countertops are always sealed. The type of seal, method and number of coats of sealer is unique to each contractor. Many prefer some type of epoxy, since it is harder than the concrete and spills on it clean up easily.

No matter where or how it's made, like all concrete, your concrete countertop will eventually develop hairline cracks. Most are too small to matter, proponents say, and the cracks give it character. Although they note that larger cracks should be filled, keep in mind that a filler may be more obvious than the crack. Usually, all that's necessary is to make sure the crack is sealed with a good acrylic or epoxy product.

A good concrete countertop can be expensive. On a square-foot basis, the entry-level cost for a standard-width 1.5-in. thick counter runs about \$50 for solid surface, \$55 to \$65 for concrete, and \$65 or more for granite.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Jim Peterson, president, The Concrete Network, 11375 Oak Hill Lane, Yucaipa, Calif. 92399 (ph toll-free 866 380-7754; Website: www.concretenetwork.com/countertops).

Lockable Mailbox Keeps Thieves Out

There's no need to have your mail held at the post office when you're out of town if you have one of these big new lockable mailboxes.

Made from impact-resistant polyethylene, the MailGuard mounts on any existing wooden or steel post. The mailbox is 24 in. high, 12 in. wide, and 18 in. deep. It has two compartments, a non-lockable one at the top for outgoing mail and a lockable one at the bottom for incoming mail. The mail carrier doesn't need a key to insert the mail.

"It's built heavy and always keeps your incoming mail safe," says Ahmos Hassan, MailGuard, Flint, Mich. "The doors resist even very severe blows. And because it's made from poly it'll never rust."

Colors for all models include all green, green/beige, beige/green, all beige, all black, or black/beige.

Sells for \$89.95 plus S&H. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, MailGuard, Division of Neogenesis, Inc., 1146 S. Linden Road, Flint, Mich. 48532 (ph 810 720-6245; fax 810 733-1533; E-mail: info@mailguard.net; Website: www.MailGuard.net).



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