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# Mailboxes can hold more than envelopes



A mailbox mounted on the wall next to your front door is not just utilitarian. It can also act as a wonderful part of your exterior décor and set the stage for what your guests will find inside. Today, mailboxes are available in many different styles, ranging from simple to ornate and traditional to edgy. Here are some examples that meet with our stamp of approval.

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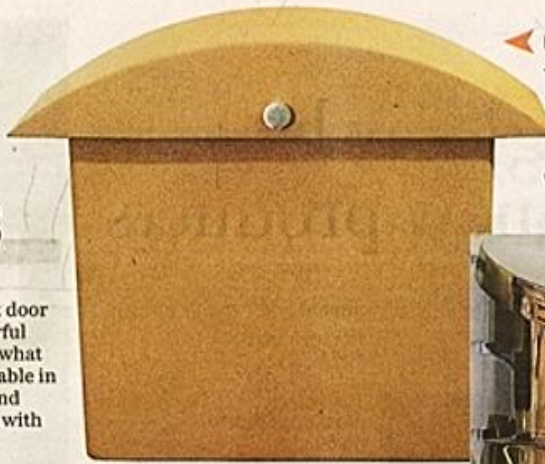
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At Park wall-mounted copper mailbox with decorative, black-painted steel frame (from Hawthorn & Hawken).

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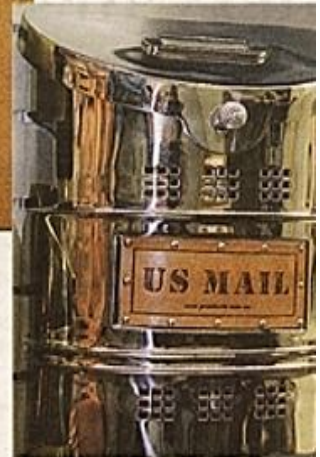
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■ Made in Michigan by Hawthorn & Hawken, these stunning wall-mounted mailboxes are made out of cast aluminum in a choice of four different powder-coated finishes (\$199 at Bright Ideas).



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■ Shaped like a saddle bag and trimmed with brass bands, Colony Metalsmith's copper mailbox would make any porch proud (\$240 at Russell Hardware).



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■ This attractive polished stainless steel mailbox from Ecco Products sports a leather label imprinted with the words "US Mail." (\$95 to \$130, depending on size, at Russell Hardware).