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Leaves you won't have to rake

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A Dallas company is branching out with a new line of porcelain and slate leaves that produce a custom look without a custom cost.

Leaves 365, a new collection by Dallas-based Accents Con Agua, a division of Waterjet Works!, recently launched the decorative leaf-shaped pieces in three sizes to use in products ranging from outdoor flooring to switchplates and tiles.

In tile form, inlaid leaves start at \$25 a square foot; tabletops and 18-inch mosaic stepping-stones at \$100.

All this is the brainchild of company owner and president Philip Einsohn, a Dallas Native. While crisscrossing the country on business, Mr. Einsohn picked the botanical specimens to serve as models for these accessories and architectural embellishments.

"It was a great way to enjoy new aspects of

the places I was traveling to," says Mr. Einsohn, who was looking for new applications for the powerful hydrotechnology.

"When I'd bring back the leaves, we'd massage them to determine how exactly to make them work." And while "the finished products aren't exactly as God made them, so to speak," nature's bounty did prove effective and aesthetic templates.

In the Dallas manufacturing facility, powerful water jets, programmed for a particular pattern, slice through the porcelain and stone. The results: outlines of oak, elm and birch leaves, as well as three types of maple leaves, emerge from the raw material.

"The waterjet technology has been used in residential applications for around 10 years," Mr. Einsohn explains. "It's a very cost-effective way of getting a beautiful product."

"The great thing about the slate, especially, is that the color varies from leaf to leaf," Mr. Einsohn says. "Just like in nature."



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