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### 2 PATHS TO A STONE LOOK

**NATURAL:** Stone is fireproof and virtually maintenance-free. But because of its weight, it often requires additional foundation support, which can be costly.

**VENEERS:** Stone veneers (made from lightweight aggregates) are easier to install and just as functional. The 1- to 4-inch panels are usually applied to a custom-built wood frame. Stone veneers range from \$4.50 to \$6 per square foot, uninstalled.

### BEFORE

Peeling paint, shoddy windows, and weeds and trash strewn about the foundation obscured the charm of this 1940s bungalow in suburban Atlanta. But Joe, a landscape designer, and Sylvia Gayle saw the potential and were undeterred from buying it.

### AFTER

“Joe loves natural materials, so we chose to give the home a warm, salt-of-the-earth look,” architect Bill Harrison says.” Harrison and Joe picked cedar shingles treated with brown stain for the siding. A river-rock gable accentuates the new arch-top front door and covers the concrete block foundation. Divided-light windows trimmed in green add pattern and contrast. Stone paths and an iron railing further integrate the house with its site.

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