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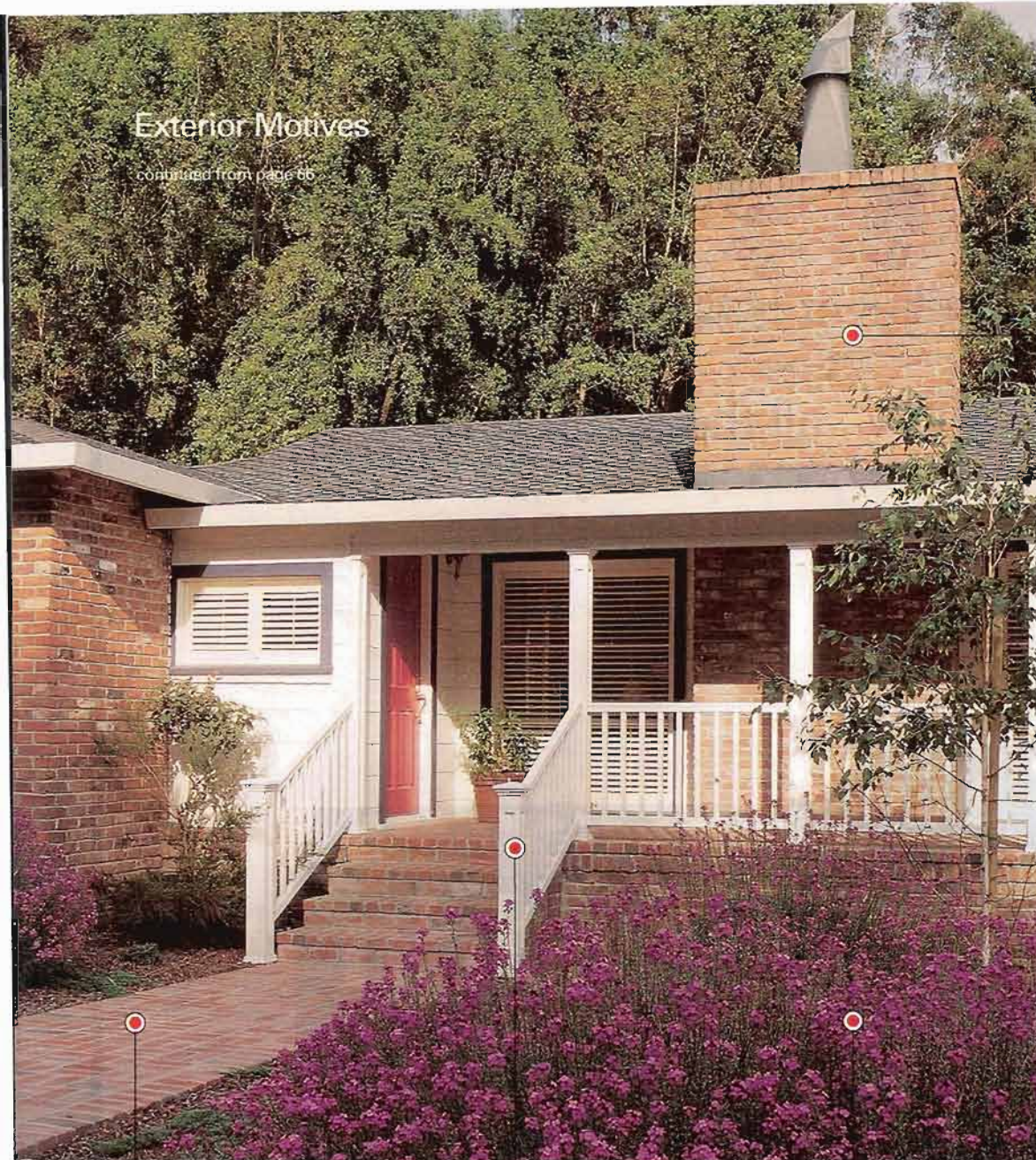
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Exterior Motives

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This hulking chimney used to loom directly over the front entry. To lower the focal point to the porch and balance the strong vertical lines, the homeowners moved the front door off center.

An offset brick pathway and “side-loading” entry let your gaze linger on the comfortable-looking front porch. Before, eyes tended to wander toward the large chimney up top.

The railing and support posts were painted bright white to contrast with the darker colors of the brick.

You can add lively, bold colors to your property without opening a single can of paint. Dress up your front yard with colorful plants. Here, *erysimum* blooms in brilliant purple.

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