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iron work

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IRON: IT'S INCREDIBLY STRONG, YET AMAZINGLY MALLEABLE. THROUGHOUT THE AGES CRAFTSMEN HAVE used these properties to create items both beautiful and functional. These days, iron continues to intrigue with its juxtaposition of delicacy and durability and its ability to fit in with traditional or contemporary décor. Whether painted or raw, curved or straight, hammered or cast, iron adds a sense of substance. Inclined to try your hand at the hammer? Bighorn Forge in Cedarburg offers forging classes. Or, check out the following sources for great, already-made iron wares.

1 HANDMADE in multiple sizes and colors, these vintage-looking metal star wall hangings from Peddler's Home Design brighten the home. 12", \$32; 21", \$62; 36", \$120. Shoestring Home, 330 W. Broadway, Waukesha. (262) 548-9255. www.shoestringhome.com.