

FRANCE - MOSAIC HOUSE & GARDEN - R. VASSEUR.

Around 1952, Vasseur a retired milkman began decorating his house with mosaics from broken dishes and seashells, starting with a sink. He then built a terrace, a garden, and veranda before finishing the house. He obtains his materials from community dumps (1), ^{his neighbors} and the seashells from fish merchants who keep them for him. Vasseur's designs are orderly, carefully placed in terms of shape and color. Often, he uses shells as borders outlining a particularly pretty unbroken dish, or window. In the kitchen/dining and several of the seashell-bordered ^{wall} designs resemble stained-glass rose windows. On a gable (?) of the house some of these rose-window designs are accompanied by large mosaic butterflies outlined in seashells. The garden contains a mosaic garfbo, fountain, planter, and patio.

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