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## **Anchor expands Artisana™ line of retaining wall products**

Minneapolis (June 9, 2009) – Anchor Block Company has added a new wall system to its product line, the Artisana™ multipiece retaining and free standing wall system, available in premium color blends. The Artisana product is ideal for residential and light commercial projects and has the natural look of quarried stone. The units are sold through landscape wholesale distributors throughout the upper Midwest. For a complete list of suppliers and product details, please visit [www.anchorblock.com](http://www.anchorblock.com).

“Whether designing a private refuge, adding an outdoor entertainment room or creating a beautiful landscape, Anchor’s Artisana wall products can help turn inspiration into reality,” says Sandy Stoffel, director of marketing. “When aesthetics are a top priority, and homeowners want an alternative to the look of traditional retaining wall blocks, the Artisana line’s multipiece design and blended colors are an ideal choice.”

Crafted to maximize creativity and engineered for easy installation, the Artisana units allow for sweeping curves and distinctive corners. Retaining wall units suit applications from terraces to raised patios to steps, while the free standing wall units are chosen for distinctive seating walls, courtyards and patio walls. Complementary column units are also available.

Artisana products’ standard unit sizes are: 6x16 inches, 6x8 inches, 3x16 inches and 3x8 inches. Trapezoidal caps and column units complete the system. Premium color blends extend the possibilities for personalized expression.

Anchor produces traditional concrete masonry blocks, retaining wall blocks, pavers and other masonry products, using more than 7,000 color, shape and texture combinations to add color, design and versatility to homes, businesses and public green spaces. With an in-house quality control laboratory, Anchor ensures its products are durable and consistent for projects that will stand the test of time.

*Celebrating 100 years of leadership in the landscape and construction materials industry and in the Midwest, Anchor Block Company designs and manufactures concrete landscape and masonry materials. From the standard gray blocks of the early 1900s to the innovative, diverse line of products available today, the company has evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of contractors, architects, homeowners, engineers and retailers. Anchor’s masonry and landscape products are sold in Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Nebraska. See [www.anchorblock.com](http://www.anchorblock.com) for more information.*

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