decorative

NAmE ['dekəreitiv] dec·ora·tive BrE ['dekərətɪv] adjective

(of an object or a building) decorated in a way that makes it attractive; intended to look attractive or pretty

- The mirror is functional yet decorative.
- purely decorative arches
- The decorative touches have made this house a warm and welcoming home.

Thesaurus:

decorative [decorative] adj.

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fancy · · ornamental ·

Opp: functional, Opp: plain

a/an decorative/fancy/ornamental design

highly/purely/merely decorative/ornamental

Decorative or ornamental ? Both these words can describe sth that is only used as a decoration rather than for practical purposes, but decorative is also used to describe anything that is highly decorated. Ornamental is used especially to describe parts of a building or garden

an ornamental garden/fountain/lake/pond/pool/plant/tree/shrub

Example Bank:

- The items he makes are purely decorative.
- · The style is ornate and highly decorative.
- · These are purely decorative arches.

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dec o ra tive /'dekərətiv\$ 'dekərə-, 'dekərei-/ BrE adjective [Word Family: noun: 1/decor, 1/decoration, 1/decorator; verb: 1/decorate; adverb: 1/decoratively; adjective: 1/decorative] pretty or attractive, but not always necessary or useful: a decorative panel above the door

AmE

—decoratively adverb

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