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Sports Plug

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Pity the lowly fire hydrant - a bland, stubby affair resembling R2D2's distant, poor cousin. We barely give it a glance. But add a splash of paint, and suddenly it becomes a canvas for a bold sports statement. One Lamorinda fire hydrant has worn at least three coats since its installment. It began by showing Cal (Berkeley) pride. Next it went "pro" to make a Giant statement. Currently it's "game on" in the East Bay covered in a Golden State Warriors logo. If this humble hydrant sets you on fire, a more complete collection covering hydrants throughout all 50 states is available in Sean Crane's coffee table book "American Hydrant," published by Santa Monica Press in 2004.





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