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an·te·fix  (ăn tē-fīks')

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n. pl. **an·te·fix·es** or **an·te·fix·a** (-fīk'sə)

An upright ornament along the eaves of a tiled roof designed to conceal the joints between the rows of tiles.

[From Latin *antefixa*, pl. of *antefixum*, something fastened in front, from *antefixus*, fastened in front : *ante-*, ante- + *fixus*, fastened, past participle of *figere*, to fasten; see **dhig^w**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

an'te·fix *al* *adj.*



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