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WELCOME SUMMER & GET OUTSIDE!

Now that the days are getting longer and the weather is warmer, it's time to refresh your deck or patio and get outside! What could

be more pleasurable than gathering with friends or family outside on a beautiful summer evening with dinner sizzling on the grill? The key to creating a great, outdoor space is making sure the environment allows both for relaxation and enjoyment for everyone. The warmer weather allows for the expansion of living space. So start creating your backyard escape by surrounding yourself with items you love.

Remember, whether it's placing a collection of small glass bottles filled with daffodils on a side table or hanging wind chimes from a few tree branches, your outside styling choices should reflect your personal taste inside!

1. Decorate with a Casual, Comfortable feel. Treat your outdoor area as an integral part of your home. Break the old rules by bringing indoor elements such as drapes, pillows, mirrors or candelabras out to the patio or yard. There are lots of outdoor fabric resources available. Use your existing interior color palette as your guide but add accents in complimentary summer hues - vibrant yellows, bright greens, luscious corals. Your deck or patio is an extension of you indoor space but think carefree, think fun, think summer.

2. Create an Inviting Seating Area. Seating should be both functional and comfortable so you and your guests can relax and enjoy the surroundings. Choose a coffee or dining table that fits your space and your style. A sturdy table is a must to accommodate both guests and fabulous meals. Mix and match chairs to create a visually interesting seating arrangement. Chaise lounges and couches need extra pillows for comfort. A canopy billowing overhead can serve as a terrific shade and also help complete a romantic dinner spot.

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3. Let There Be Light. Even as the days fade into night, an outdoor space still needs adequate lighting. Create a rustic feel by hanging outdoor lanterns made from mason jars with candles or a more romantic atmosphere by using old apothecary bottles with lamp oil and wicks set upon a glass cake stand. Fabric lanterns are also a fun, chic way to add light and your own style. Hang them from tree branches or planter hooks to add color and interest to your deck or patio. Looking for a little, elegance? Wrap a small iridescent string of white bulbs around tree trunks or deck railing to bring a romantic, starry atmosphere to your space.

4. Use Your Surroundings. Flowers, plants and leaves - oh my. You are outdoors - use what's already around you! Fresh cut flowers in a beautiful no-fuss vase (like a mason jar) make a perfect centerpiece. Potted plants in terra cotta containers of various sizes are just the right accents for a sparse corner on your deck. Leaves or branches can also be used to decorate your table. And don't forget - two great trees just the right distance apart make for an ideal place to hang a hammock!

So get ready to welcome summer. And whatever you do, relax, entertain and enjoy the outdoors!



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Curb Appeal

Transform a dowdy exterior to an inviting, welcoming entranceway.

1. **Freshen Your Front Door.** A front door says a lot about a home. But a tired old door gives a home anything but character. New finishes on a door and a polished walkup can give an entrance a welcoming new look.
2. **Highlight Your Address.** Learn to play up the numbers. Blending utility with personality house numbers don't just tell potential buyers where you are; they can also give your home a more refined look.
3. **Mailbox Makeover.** Cure ugly mailbox syndrome! It is the humble mailbox that often creates that first impression of a home. To spruce up a mailbox, clear out any surrounding weeds, give it a fresh coat of paint and make sure the numbers stand out.
4. **Containers.** Whether combined in a group or standing alone, containers add charm and warmth to any entry or garden.

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