

# Fun in the Sun

Outdoor living beckons with eye-catching accent pieces

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These seven spaces show how the right fabrics, furniture and accessories can make outdoor areas as comfortable as any room inside the house—inviting family and friends to hang out all day.

## Cozy and Inviting

This porch space created by **Anne Architecture** has the cozy look and feel of a living room, which is exactly what homeowner,

**Jennifer Froneberger**, was going for. The striped curtains pull everything together and frame the area. “When the curtains are closed, it looks like a painted wall,” says Froneberger.

**For a fresh look, swap out cushions, pillows, and rugs in any combination,**

but make sure the biggest investment in the room is in the quality and design of the couch, since that is not easily replaced.

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## Modern and Chic

With a sophisticated black-and-white umbrella and mimosa party-themed bar cart, **designer Beth Kooby** focused on creating an elegant resort-theme for this sitting area. You can easily create your own custom bar cart by buying a vintage brass one and taking it to an auto body shop to repaint. Teak wood, which is perfect for outdoors, was used for the dining table and enhanced with tabletop accents. *"I love using unexpected things, like sculptures or large candles in glass hurricane containers,"* says Kooby. [www.bethkoobydesign.com](http://www.bethkoobydesign.com) ▶





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## Double Duty

Kandrac & Kole Interior Designs, Inc. aimed

to create spaces that were fun and functional during warmer months and relaxing when the temperature drops. "We wanted to make enjoyable spaces for the entire family for nine to ten months of the year," says designer Kelly Kole. The key to making an outdoor area pop is color. The brightly hued furniture pictured here makes each space look playful. The addition of greenery/flowers and accessories such as trays add interest and fill open space.

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