

Out in the Open

THESE STYLISH OUTDOOR SPACES ARE IDEAL FOR SUMMER ENTERTAINING

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Along with balmy weather, summer months bring blossoming gardens, family barbecues, pool parties, and a host of other reasons to unwind outdoors. But after a long winter, your porch, deck, pavilion, or terrace might require some TLC before you entertain guests. Whether it's an easy update like replacing chair cushions or a major project like constructing a pergola with custom curtains, there are numerous ways

to rejuvenate your outdoor area, make indoor-outdoor flow more intuitive, and soak up the sun in style.

To inspire you, we share favorite outdoor spaces found at recent designer showhouses. From a stunning pavilion and intimate front porch in Santa Barbara to a sprawling back deck in the Hamptons and a classic terrace in New Jersey, these spaces all have a couple of things in common: fresh air and smart looks. ▶



Jeff Lincoln Hampton Designer Showhouse

"The main obstacle was making it inviting and comfortable," Lincoln says of designing this sprawling back deck. Its large scale—he jokingly compared it to the deck of an aircraft carrier—called for sitting and dining areas to break up the space. A variety of textures, including teak, woven rattan, and stainless steel, give the deck a layered feel. Outdoor furniture and blue-and-white fabrics from Gloster provide plenty of seating and a pop of color. Stanton Carpet area rugs and the dual-level coffee table are the designer's favorites. Brass lanterns are by Hinkley.

Bill Glaner Designer Showhouse of New Jersey

Before its makeover, this overgrown outdoor property required triage: tree removal, repairs, pruning, and power washing. Furnishing and planting the rear terrace was a whole new endeavor for Glaner, the landscape architect called on to conceive and also complete the space's outdoor design. The sumptuous sofa and chairs by Lane Venture are upholstered in a cream fabric or a punchy coordinating coral-striped material. The cushions are made with drain-through technology. Bringing the terrace to life, 10 large planters play host to boxwood, ferns, bleeding hearts, ivy, and more. Copper lanterns by Bevelo encourage late-night conversation. ▶

