

Hints For The Home



Tips On Creating Your Backyard Retreat

(NAPSA)—From grills to gardens and pillows to patios, a growing number of people are enhancing their outdoor living space and turning the backyard into an outdoor room designed for relaxing and entertaining.

Before you start creating your backyard retreat, take a moment to survey your living space and envision your ideal environment. Visualizing the look, feel and function of the perfect outdoor oasis will help when choosing the items that can make your dream a reality. You also may want to schedule a stop at an all-in-one store, such as The Home Depot, for the necessary tools, supplies and outdoor accessories.

Entertaining while grilling and preparing the night's meal is a great way to include guests in the cooking festivities. A Franklin Chef Outdoor Refrigerator and a Charmglow Stainless Steel Grill can make cooking and eating outside a treat for you and your guests.

You can help make guests comfortable with fresh new décor items. From functional patio furniture to colorful pillows and outdoor rugs, experts say decorating outdoors has never been easier.

Consider adding several outdoor throw pillows in colorful designs. For example, The Home Depot offers 16-inch Plantation Pattern pillows in 20 colors. Or try patterned Panache Outdoor Rugs available in multiple sizes and colors. Hampton Bay patio furniture is also available exclusively at the same store, including matching swings, bars, beverage carts, chaise lounges and fire pits.

When the sun goes down, remember to keep the backyard amply lit with wall and post lights as well as outdoor lamps to give



With attractive patio accessories like this seven-piece dining set from Hampton Bay, you won't have to go out to a fancy garden bistro to experience the joy of outdoor dining.

the area an indoor feel. Creative outdoor lighting, such as the Hampton Bay Solar-Powered Patio Umbrella available at The Home Depot, will dazzle friends and family and light up the night for extended evening gatherings.

You can keep the temperature regulated even outdoors with a Hampton Bay Outdoor Ceiling fan for humid days or Weber Flame Outdoor Gas Fireplace for cool nights. Colorful plants are another easy way to brighten your backyard retreat. Try bright orange Viva! SunPatiens to punch up color along the edge of your deck or patio.

Enjoy the warmer weather throughout the season by creating a backyard retreat that fits your style and entertaining needs. With so many design options and outdoor accessories to choose from, you'll be glad to relax in your comfortable oasis all summer long.

To learn more, visit www.home depot.com and click on "Outdoor Living."