

ENTERTAINING IDEAS

Outdoor Comfort Is Adding A Little Luxury

(NAPSA)—With more Americans preferring to entertain informally than in previous years, many homeowners view outdoor areas as extensions of their living spaces. Festive parties, family gatherings and intimate celebrations with family and friends are no longer limited to formal place settings in the dining room. The idea of “home” is a complete package, not just what is contained within the walls.

Nearly all consumers have some outdoor living space that can be transformed to reflect their tastes and sensibilities. Whether you have a yard, patio, deck or balcony, you have the opportunity to create an outdoor space that is an extension of your home.

When beginning to decorate, it is important to put as much thoughtful consideration into your exterior setting as you do the interior of your home. This outdoor room becomes an alternative space where you can comfortably enjoy a quiet Sunday morning or entertain family and friends.

While many retailers offer an endless array of choices for outdoor décor, Spiegel Catalog also offers expert decorating advice and convenient home delivery so you can create the space that's perfect for you.

Here are just a few of the helpful tips that Spiegel offers for creating outdoor rooms:

- Treat your backyard like you would a dining room or kitchen. Select one or two main pieces and then add accessories



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with a common theme.

- Borrow inspiration from the landscape and color-coordinate furnishings and flowers.

- Don't be afraid to turn your patio into a formal dining area complete with an elegant wood-finished table and chairs or a small dinette set. Additional outdoor furniture options that are both functional and attractive include wrought-iron, metal and steel.

- An inexpensive, yet important touch is the lighting. If you're looking to set a more romantic mood, candles are key. For a unique look, select votive string lights or lanterns to place around ledges, hang down walls or place on the patio floor edges.

For more tips on outdoor entertainment and decorating, please visit www.Spiegel.com or call 1-800-345-4500.