



THE FIFTH ROOM

Accenting The Positive



The Wave from Outback Chair Company offers both style and comfort.

Stocking the gear that accompanies your outdoor living offerings can help you capitalize on the trend. Here's a look at just a few outdoor accents.

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It used to be that a home's great outdoors were populated with a rickety picnic table, aluminum-framed folding chairs and a beach blanket for those who wanted to avoid the tell-tale chair strap imprints on the backs of their legs. Times certainly have changed. The items popular for today's outdoor living space could be used indoors, and guests wouldn't have a clue the rugs, cushions and even artwork could withstand the ups and downs of changing weather.

Manufacturers are well aware of how homeowners have changed the way they view their patios, balconies and back yards, and today's designers are mak-

ing products that allow homeowners to personalize their spaces with their own styles. Along with the outdoor couch and dining table, consumers can now add individuality with throw pillows, decorative rugs, artwork and sleek, modern chairs.

■ Outback Chair Company

Outback Chair Company takes traditional hammocks and hanging chairs to an upscale and mod form in the new Urban Balance Collection. The four products in the collection are made of all-weather resin rattan in a rich, dark-chocolate color and epoxy-coated aluminum frames. The Curve and Cove are distinctive hanging chairs, with the Curve offering a gently contoured seat and back

and the Cove presenting a more enclosed, cozy space in which homeowners can float. The Expanse is Outback Chair's stylish take on a porch swing. It can be an escape for a restful nap for one or a sociable swing for two. Each piece comes with a pillow or cushions in ocean blue, kiwi green or mandarin orange.

■ Capel

Capel offers four new and vibrant lines of outdoor rugs, all crafted in the United States with Sunbrella fabric. The Lakeview Capel Anywhere line was created for the Bob Timberlake licensed collection. These bordered rugs are available in four colorways that capture the relaxed Bob Timberlake lifestyle. The South Terrace line is new for the Biltmore For Your Home licensed collection. It contains a series of bordered rugs in fashion-forward patterns that update the Biltmore lifestyle.

Created for the Country Living licensed collection, Sun Porch is a new outdoor-indoor rug available in six different colors. It's a double fabric Capel Anywhere rug, making it a durable item.

■ The Hammock Source

The Hammock Source is your source for both traditional and not-so-traditional hammocks, as well as rugs and other outdoor accessories. The Original Pawleys Island Royal Dunes Collection is a line of



Capel rugs come in an array of colors and patterns, like this Frascati rug in a leopard print.



Rugs from The Hammock Source are made from durable fabric that looks just like traditional cotton.



Laurie Bell's fashionable textiles are weather and wear resistant.



WeatherPrint artwork can be easily mounted on any outdoor surface and holds up in extreme weather conditions.

quick-dry comfort hammocks featuring a jacquard in neutrals and gold reminiscent of sun on sand. They are the epitome of laid-back luxury in the great outdoors. The Hatteras Hammocks Hanging Hammock Bed adds some swing to your summertime lounging. It's equipped with a sturdy, durable frame and a 100 percent DuraCord fabric bed that is perfect for outdoors. It's the perfect soft spot for an afternoon nap.

The Hammock Source also offers a cozy spot to prop up your feet while practicing your hammock lounging. The Comfort Cube Woodlands with Birch DuraCord fabric is a functional and decorative lounging cube. Whether to prop upon, sit upon or use as an extra table top, this unique stuffed cube offers a way for casual lounging that is portable and storable. They also offer Sawgrass Mills Outdoor Rugs made with

DuraCord. They are built to withstand unpredictable weather conditions and the most severe stains.

■ Laurie Bell Outdoor Occasions

Functionality meets fashionista in Laurie Bell's line of outdoor textiles. Created by designer Laurie Jenkins, all the textiles used to create umbrellas, canopies, pillows, panels, linens, cushions, tassels, trim and much more are built to weather the storm as well as to handle the rigors of

outdoor living for a large and active family.

Not simply a designer, Laurie is a trained chemist with more than 20 years experience in the textile industry designing tech-tough fabrics and coatings. The technology mimics deep-set natural colorings, resulting in colors that resist fading and wear.

■ WeatherPrint – Art For Outdoors

Fine art is no longer cordoned off behind velvet ropes on museum walls. WeatherPrint, from Open Air Designs, offers more than 600 different artful images that let homeowners express their artistic tastes in their outdoor living spaces. Thanks to a patent-pending process, U-V inks are digitally printed directly to fluorocarbon-covered aluminum composite, creating fine art repro-

ductions. WeatherPrint is U-V protected and guaranteed to withstand even the most extreme weather conditions for five years without fading, rusting or cracking. Each WeatherPrint comes standard with a universal mounting bracket, as well as stainless steel and aluminum hardware made especially for mounting on any outdoor surface.

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