

# Create a relaxing outdoor haven

Nothing is more relaxing than a breath of fresh air, which is likely the reason why the lines between indoors and out have blurred immensely. More and more homeowners are moving their living rooms outside to well-appointed patios and decks, furnishing these spaces with all the comforts of their favourite indoor gathering spaces.

In fact, research shows homebuilders are now incorporating two- and three-sided outdoor rooms into home plans. Manufacturers too are addressing the trend by providing a wide array of products designed for outdoor living, giving homeowners nearly as many choices to decorate their outdoor living rooms as those inside their homes – including furniture, textiles, lighting, grills and even WiFi-enabled outdoor entertainment systems.

“Homeowners are spending as much time and effort on outdoor living projects as they do indoor decorating endeavors,” notes Denise Patterson, product manager for Krylon, the nation’s leader in spray paint. “With the summer season upon us, now’s the time to freshen up outdoor living spaces and make them ‘relaxation ready’

for the warm months of fun.”

## Pep it up with paint

One of the easiest and most inexpensive ways to spruce up an outdoor area is by refurbishing existing furniture and other pieces with spray paint. While you want furniture to look stylish, you also want something that is easy to clean and maintain, and holds up against the elements like rain, heat and sunlight. No one wants freshly painted furniture to fade, chip or rust before the season ends.

From wicker furniture and patio tables, to pottery and planters, Krylon’s Outdoor Spaces line of spray finishes offers a wide range of durable, yet contemporary colours that can easily help you achieve sophisticated looks with the convenience of spray



paint. Because homeowners are looking for more than just basic colours, they’re available in several new, vibrant and exciting hues including poppy, ivy, ocean and sunlight.

## Lighten up with fabric and lighting

Once your painting projects are complete, accent your bold colour choices with unique and interesting cushions and throw

pillows made from stain- and mildew-resistant fabrics. Also keep in mind, your new furniture colours and coordinating cushions will “pop” and look brighter with the right kind of outdoor lighting. Depending on how you configure your outdoor living space, you can install lighted ceiling fans, environmentally friendly solar accent lighting to surrounding flowerbeds and even use portable lamps designed expressly for exterior use.

## Add nature... with a twist

Living in the great outdoors wouldn’t be complete if you didn’t weave in natural elements such as fire and water. A grill and/or a fire pit and water features, such as a container pond, bird bath or waterfall planter further tie together the perfect combination of inside meets outside.

Additionally, portable patio

heaters are a great way to let you enjoy your outdoor haven even when nights get chilly, allowing you to make the most of your space all season long.

## Include enticing entertainment

And don’t forget the entertainment. Outdoor-friendly systems exist for any budget – ranging from WiFi- or satellite-radio-enabled speaker systems for a little mood music, to high-end comprehensive systems that include plasma televisions and surround sound. All are designed to withstand any weather.

With all of the stylish and unique design options available to help you create your own backyard oasis this summer, why would you even consider spending your free time indoors? The season lasts only a few months in many climates, so make the most of it by designing an ultimate outdoor living room that’s ideal for gathering, cooking, entertaining and relaxing with friends and family.

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