

How to define a backyard

Your backyard should be a place to relax and escape from everyday life. While vacations are short-lived, choosing travel inspired décor lets you soak in the cultures of the world from the comfort of your backyard for years to come. You can easily create the feeling of an exotic destination with warm, earthy tones and lively patterns in a range of tactile textures.



Tips from Cindy to incorporate Culture Trek into your outdoor décor:

- Textiles are a great way to instantly transform your space. Replace a few pillows and add a colourful outdoor rug.
- Carry colour throughout the yard with storage baskets, lanterns, candle holders and planters.
- Add copper details to enhance this look or splurge on a fire pit to give you the feeling of warm destinations on a cool evening.

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One of the biggest themes in outdoor living this year is one that the design experts at Lowe's have called "Culture Trek". It uses unique artisanal items, whether acquired abroad or locally, to serve as a great jumping off point for a global themed design.

Mixing and matching different styles can become a reflection of personal flair and desires but you want to make sure contrasting patterns are not competing with each other. "It's important that different patterns are not complex and have the same tonal value," says Cindy Jardim, Style and Trends Director for Lowe's. "Unlike large-scale prints with lots of colours, two-toned geometrics in the same colour family work well together."

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