

Home, Lawn & Garden

Expand your horizons by living outside your box

(NC) Because of our busy lives, the heart of the home has been extended beyond its traditional boundaries to include outdoor spaces like decks and patios. So it's no surprise that the latest trend in dÉcor has been to blend your exterior colour palette to your interior scheme to create a pleasant flow throughout your living space.

"As the summer season approaches, decks are the living and entertaining space of choice for many homeowners and more and more want their unique dÉcor styles to extend through to this space," said Dominique PÉpin, Senior Brand Manager of Sico and a Chairholder of the international colour forecaster Color Marketing Group. "Homeowners are increasingly choosing colour combinations for their exterior projects that suit their home's interior or decorating style."

Re-energizing your deck should always start with the



choice and application of a quality wood stain, she advised, not only will it enhance this often-used exterior "room", but it will also protect the actual wood surface allowing the deck to last longer.

When it comes to staining your deck you now have plenty of options to harmonize or complement your outdoor surroundings.

In fact, Sico Paints has devel-

oped a complete new line of high quality stains with completely new and very trendy colours for outdoor wood projects to help homeowners achieve today's modern look.

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