

Bring the indoors outside to create a family hub



When renovating a home, people often forget one of the most important components: the outdoor space. If done right, your yard can become more than an extension of your home - it can be a private escape. The experts at Home Depot Canada recommend the following tips for creating an outdoor retreat.

Be your own weather specialist

It is important to keep the climate in mind when choosing your outdoor furniture. For example, if you live in a windy area, select heavier furniture as lighter plastic chairs are likely to turn up on your neighbour's lawn. If you experience heavy, regular rainfall, try to

stay away from materials like wrought iron that may rust. And to lengthen the life of your outdoor pieces, make sure to store your patio furniture when weather isn't in your favour. Many outdoor cushions and pillows at Home Depot feature vibrant, fade-resistant colours and are made using high-quality, weather-resistant materials.

Set the mood

Like any room in your house, lighting is key when it comes to the outdoors. Solar powered lights are a great option and help save on energy bills. Installation is easy as there is no wiring or plugs to worry about. With many sizes and styles to choose from, you are sure to find the perfect one to brighten up your outdoor space.

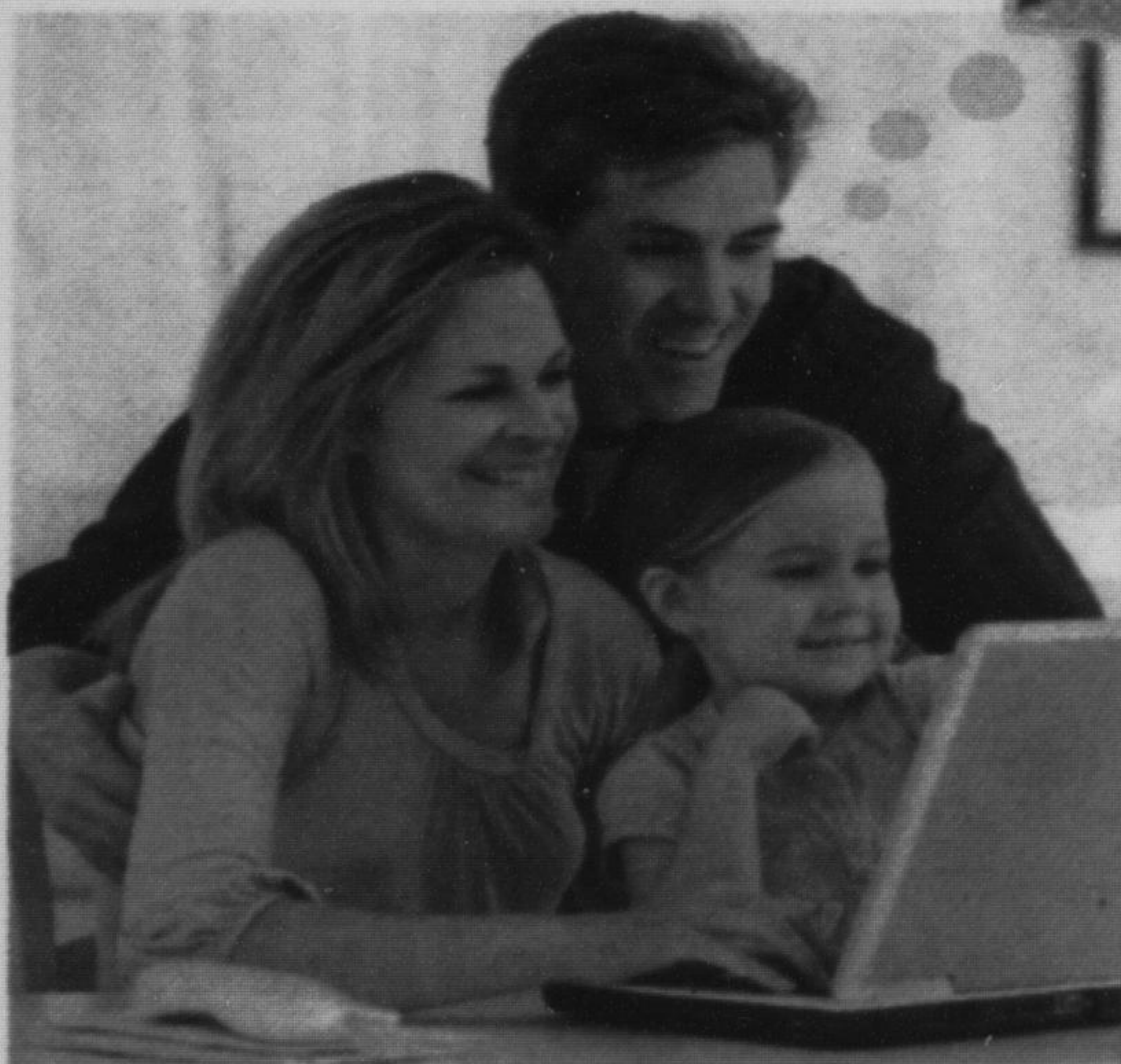
Create a space with a purpose

Do you want to use your space to host parties, relax, or give your children somewhere they can play? How you plan on using the space will determine what type of furniture you need. And with outdoor furniture, you can get creative: chairs can be replaced with recliners, swings, loungers, or even hammocks. Decorative accents are also essential. Throw a few colourful pillows on your outdoor furniture or put an outdoor area rug under your patio set. As long as fashion meets function, anything goes.

With the right tools and tips, setting up a fun and functional outdoor space doesn't need to be an overwhelming project. More information is available online at www.homedepot.ca where you can view the patio buying guide and inspiration gallery.

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