



Lighting panache

Philippe Starck, the French designer who created the dramatic looks at the Delano in South Beach and the Royalton in Manhattan, makes outdoor lighting look elegant enough to be used indoors. His Romeo Outdoor C1 ceiling lamp for FLOS can be hung from a deck ceiling and provides direct as well as diffused light. It has a suggested retail of \$1,095 at Gulfstream Lighting, 415 E. Hallandale Beach Blvd., Hallandale Beach, 954-456-4400, gulfstreamlighting.com and Farrey's Lighting & Bath, 1850 NE 146th St., North Miami, 305-947-5451, farreys.com.

THE INDOORS OUT

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These days you can have almost anything in your outdoor design that you have indoors.

Manufacturers, realizing how important outdoor living is to consumers today, have designed everything from rugs to lamps to beautiful fabrics that withstand heat, humidity and sun. It's easier than ever to build the outdoor kitchen of your dreams. Here are some of our recent finds.

Rattan lookalike

Many of us love the look of rattan but not the deterioration our climate inflicts on it when it is left outside. Arholma (\$79) is a hand-woven plastic rattan that looks like the real thing but is durable for use outside. The reversible pillow, polyurethane foam with polyester wadding for added comfort, has a removable cover that is washable. Available at IKEA, 151 NW 136th Ave., Sunrise, 888-888-4532, ikea.com.



Blue and white delight

Ethan Allen describes its Biscayne Collection as a "contemporary approach to classic alfresco living." The stylish cast aluminum coffee table features low stretchers and a glass top (\$509). Finishes include bronze, onyx and graphite. Tops are tempered glass, honed light porcelain and honed dark porcelain. The coffee table is shown with other pieces from the collection – settee (\$1,629), ottoman (\$584), side table with glass top (\$419) and club chair (\$979). Coastline rug and pillows are sold separately. Prices vary with fabric. For local stores see ethanallen.com.



Grand grilling

Now that many of us are spending more time at home, it is time to re-evaluate grilling options. Your backyard can be transformed into a restaurant-style kitchen with Alfresco's open air culinary system. Modular pieces put together allow you to refrigerate, prep, cook, serve and entertain like the pros do. Prices upon request. Available at Coral Springs Appliance Center, 3500 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs, 954-752-3880, csappliances.com.

Totally Tommy

No wonder that South Floridians go for the Tommy Bahama-style indoors and out. Although islands in the South Pacific inspire the Ocean Club Pacifica Collection, the lines are contemporary with a Zen-like twist. The Pacifica swivel counter stool and cushion with slat back (\$1,929 suggested retail each as shown) is paired with the 38-inch diameter bistro table from Tommy's Ocean Club Resort Collection (\$2,319 suggested retail). The table top is a concrete composite Weatherstone with a stain-resistant finish and a polyurethane sealant for reduced maintenance. For local stores, see baers.com.



Fashionable black and white

We are not only seeing black and white on the runways, it's also showing up in stylish outdoor umbrellas. Treasure Garden designers show the look in styles from animal prints to polka dots and stripes. This umbrella with matte-black frame and black-and-white zebra fabric features a 9-foot collar tilt that allows someone to tilt the umbrella even when seated. Suggested retail varies from \$430 to \$740 depending on fabric selection. Base is sold separately. Available at Carls Patio stores, carls-patio.com; Jerry's Casual Patio, mycasualpatio.com; patio.com, 3060 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, 561-395-8035, patio.com; Patio Furniture Warehouse, 2930 SW 30th Ave., Hallandale Beach, 954-458-3113, patiofurniturewarehouse.net.



Before



After

Botox for furniture

What do you do when you spent thousands on outdoor furniture and a few years later it is showing its age? Absolute Patio Furniture Restoration is dedicated to give your old furniture a new life – with everything from refinishing the metal to replacing slinging, strapping and custom cushions. In this case the chaises were blasted with aluminum oxide to remove the old finish. Then they went through a five-stage chemical pretreatment system to prepare the metal for powder coating. They were baked in a 450-degree oven in two stages – a primer coat, which protects the surface from future rust and corrosion, and an Old Bronze decorative finish. New slings were added. Prices upon request. Available at Absolute Patio Furniture Restoration, 1254 NW 21st St., Pompano Beach, 954-917-2715, absolutepowdercoat.com.

