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5 NEW OUTDOOR LIVING TRENDS IN 2016



Outdoor Great Rooms

Creating a super stylish living space in your backyard is now easier than ever. Weatherproof lighting, furniture, fabrics, flooring and accessories mean that you can move your living room out of the din of the den and into the bright sunshine. Deck features like integrated benches with upholstered cushions, privacy walls and accents like ornamental post caps and railings with decorative balusters similar to those found inside the home create a real sense of indoor comfort outside.

Rocking Railings

The unassuming railing on your back deck just got fancy. It may seem difficult to make a deck look distinct, but add a

contrasting handrail and it becomes the first thing you notice. For design-savvy homeowners looking for something distinctive, let the creative juices flow and go for a completely customized look that reflects your personal taste.

Warming Features

This trend will continue to be one of the fastest growing phenomena in outdoor living for 2016. From candles and tiki torches to fireplaces and lighting, products that lend physical and ambient warmth will be in high demand. Fire pits and fireplaces add a focal point to gather around, while the right lighting can highlight a special element or add a welcoming feel to the space.

High Tech Decks

In keeping with bringing the inside outside, homeowners want to be able to listen to their favorite playlist, watch TV in high definition or control the lights and sound from their lounge chair. Home automation is on the rise.

Low Maintenance

You can't blame someone for wanting to enjoy the outdoor space they've created more than maintaining it. Things like composite decking, stone pavers, all-weather fabrics and natural landscaping all require much less care than some traditional materials, giving homeowners with the luxury of time.

