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# EXTERIOR *MOTIVES*

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First impressions are everything, even for your home.

From grand front porches to quaint stoops, the entrance to your home can speak a thousand words. Revamping your curb appeal to introduce your personality and style doesn't have to be hard, just tackle these few areas of your porch to create a whole new look and feel.

However you choose to amp up your homes' curb appeal, make sure to make it all your own. The porch is like an introduction to your home and your life in it, so make sure it reflects you!



Zero George Street [www.zerogeorge.com](http://www.zerogeorge.com); Photography by Eric Kelley



## PLANT YOUR ROOTS

Greenery isn't just for the yard. Bring some life to your porch by adding plants. Don't be afraid to go big and add a small potted tree or plants with oversized leaves in a large pot. Adding a variety of plant sizes adds diversity and interest to your arrangements. Don't have a lot of space? Try hanging plants, they save room but still give you the opportunity to show off your green thumb.

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## FURNITURE FUN

Who said that only the back porch gets to be the gathering area? Add seating to the front of your house for a cozy effect. Swivel chairs are functional and trendy and perfect for an entrance. If you have a larger area, add a couch or a daybed to create a sanctuary for relaxing on a warm day. Bring a little personality and hominess into it with a fun area rug.

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## DOOR DRESS-UP

Giving your door a new finish is the easiest way to create a whole new vibe for the front of your house. Paint your door glossy black for a sleek and modern look. Change up the shape and try an arched doorway for a more welcoming feel. To make a real impact, install a larger than usual door. Tall doors add drama and attract attention to your home.