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## IT'S IN TO BE OUT

There was a time when spending time in the garden meant enjoying the act of gardening, as well as the fruits of our own labor. The ritual of cutting grass on Saturday mornings, followed by a lazy afternoon in a simple hammock has yielded to hired help and fullscale outdoor rooms, designed to relax and to entertain. Forget the simple patch of grass. Today's yards sport gourmet outdoor kitchens and waterproof TV's

Outdoor rooms are featuring a variety of groupings from deep seating sofas, settees and lounge chairs with stone coffee tables, designer rugs and outdoor lamps, nearby chat chairs and ottomans create cozy seating to watch the sun set. Trends in dining are moving towards including the entire family, extra large square, oval and extension tables allow dinner parties to move outdoors under the stars. Highly styled fire pits and fireside bar tables warm on cooler evenings while charring a drink or catching up with friends.



Accessories are moving upscale along with the furniture. Acrylic is out, while ceramic and glass is the rage. Set our table or outside bar with your favorite martini glass, Italian ceramic dishes, mandarin sushi sets set upon beautiful placemats, napkins displayed with artistic style to complete your setting.

The outdoor living trend is turning interior decorators into exterior decorators. As exterior decorators bloom, gardening evolves into "outdoor decorating", decks and patios evolve into the "exterior family room", and home and garden synergy becomes a key design goal. Exterior decorators are using high end fabrics to match with the latest "brand name" flowers and plants, exterior lighting that looks like fine table lamps, fine art and sculptures that are outdoor friendly, cozy couches that double as beds and containers adding spots of color throughout the yard.

## WHAT'S NEW IN OUTDOOR LUXURY?

Bringing the comfort of the indoors out is the latest trend in outdoor living. Comfortable seating with contemporary style partnered with the latest innovations in all weather wicker completes the new look with style and a flavor of the tropics.



The World Market Winter show held in Las Vegas the last week of January provided manufacturers the opportunity to showcase their latest lines in outdoor furniture as well as indoor collections. The new outdoor lines offer all weather wickers with the touch and feel of the natural product. They offer an attractive and stylish alternative that can be used both indoors and out.

In addition to the new realistic wickers, manufacturers such as *Something Wilder*, *Environ* and *Padma's Plantation* are offering whimsical and dramatic new architectural lines. Unlike the traditional settee group which has been a favorite for years, some of the new outdoor furniture pieces include sectionals "Genie" chairs, lounging love-seats, daybeds, "Apple Igloos", quartet conversation groups and much, much more. All these keep comfort, durability, fun and a flare for the unique in mind.



This premier collection features ultraviolet resistant, all-weather wicker which is hand woven over a sturdy aluminum frame. Cushions are made with open cell foam that will not absorb water, and resist both mold and mildew. Cushion covers are available in a good selection of outdoor fabrics which are colorfast, ultraviolet-resistant and can withstand all types of weather conditions.

"Outdoor living should be just as stylish and luxurious as indoor living," says Renee Maria Fanjon, President and Director of Design for Padma's Plantation. We are very proud to be recognized in this category, the industry is taking note of our distinctive, functional designs for outdoor living, and the extensive expansion of our outdoor collections. Outdoor living is such a popular lifestyle, and Padma's Plantation is dedicated to providing new and innovative outdoor furnishings and accessories.

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### **Padma's Plantation**

#### **Features A New Outdoor Collection**

Padma's Plantation is unveiling an entirely new line for outdoor living - **The Bay Harbor Collection**.

**The Outdoor Bay Harbor Collection** offers the Bay Harbor Bar, Bar Stools, and Bartable, Lounge Chair, Sofa, Ottoman, Dining Table, Dining Arm Chair and Side Chairs and a 9' Umbrella complete with stand. The collection features a unique new dal-tone all-weather weave closely resembling natural wicker.

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For more information and to view these new collections by Padma's Plantation visit our new showroom location in The Village Square Shipping Center at Ft. Apache and Sahara, Bldg. 9440 Suite 150, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117. You may also shop our website [www.islandhomefurniture.com](http://www.islandhomefurniture.com).

## **Shopping Tips**

When shopping for outdoor wicker, start with the frames. Top quality pieces will be constructed of sturdy powder coated aluminum, stainless steel or PVC. This will keep them rust resistant. Stay away, from light weight frames that will have limited durability and may be picked up by the wind and carried away or into the nearest pool.

The wicker material and weave is the next item to look at. Make sure it is not made of natural materials, as these will not last in harsh, dry climates. New outdoor wicker materials are made of resin and vinyl with varying levels of flexibility and natural look and feel. Quality outdoor wickers also have UV protection applied to avoid the damages from the sun that we all remember from the first generation outdoor plastics. The UV protective coating will protect the weave from hardening, cracking and discoloration. Hand woven strands of resin and vinyl will assure the tightness and quality of the weave.

the style and durability that will give your years of outdoor enjoyment.



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Cushions not only add color but also comfort to outdoor furniture. These should be separate from the frame so they can be removed during seasons when they are not in use and so they can be replaced or recovered. Cushions that last will be made of high quality foam dense enough not to flatten with use over time and soft enough to allow comfort. A few high end outdoor collections have special foam construction with aeration built in to avoid mildew and rotting. Last but not least, your outdoor cushions should be available in a variety of fabrics to allow personalization to your outside decor. High quality cushion covers will be removable so that they can be cleaned or replaced as styles change. Durable outdoor fabric has a high percentage of acrylic content. This will keep the fabric from fading and allow for easier cleaning. With durable outdoor fabric, cushions can be cleaned with a hose along with the rest of the furniture pieces. Soap and water can be used for stubborn stains.

## Fun Facts

The outdoor living trend takes on a primary role in the home building and renovation industry. According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, a good chunk of the \$172 billion spent by Americans on home renovation in 2003 went to outdoor amenities.

- \$3 billion on barbecues and accessories
- \$21 billion on outdoor furniture
- \$40 billion on landscaping, hardscaping and gardens
- More than 91% of new pool buyers specify outdoor kitchen as part of the package.



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For a little extra time and money, your search for high quality outdoor wicker will reward you with many years of beauty, comfort and enjoyment. You can spend a little and have to replace your furniture frequently or spend a little more and get

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