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Brilliant New Ways to Turn Your Backyard into the Ultimate Getaway

A pool cabana by
superstar designer
Amber Lewis
gives new meaning
to the phrase
"cirque du soleil."
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Q: What's the Outdoor Forecast? Designers Reveal the Next Big Things.



The spring weather report calls for fresh style. **Editorial Director Joanna Saltz** asked designers and landscape professionals which alfresco trends they predict will be popular all year.

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"Pergolas with movable louvers are gaining popularity, allowing them to be used in rain or sunshine."

—Sara Furlan @marianilandscape

"The softening of exterior spaces through the introduction of **curved designs** brings a sense of elegance and flow to outdoor living."

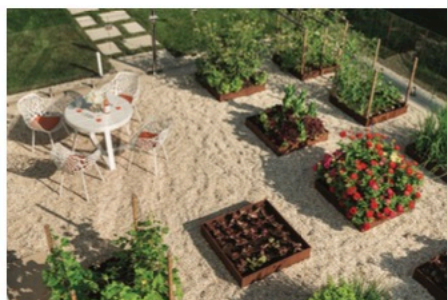
—Nicholas Condos
@harbouroutdoor



Chloe dining chair, from \$1,520. shoppharbour.com

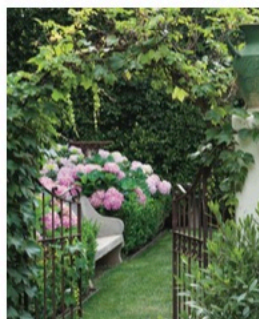
"There's an increasing push for **non-combustible materials** near buildings, such as the use of pea gravel and other decorative rocks as topdressing in lieu of bark mulch."

—Adam Kober
@koberdesigngroupinc



"Expect to see more outdoor cooking and living spaces centered around the inclusion of **eat-in organic vegetable and soft fruit gardens**."

—Janice Parker @janiceparkerjpla

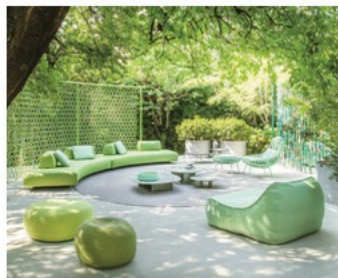
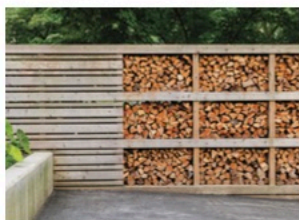


"We are focusing on green destinations within gardens that allow us to have a deeper relationship to the space—like **seating areas with benches for meditation**."

—Stephen Block
@innergardens

"We're loving the combination of **modern lines with natural wood materials**. These elements bring sophistication to custom seating, fencing, planters, and outdoor-equipment or firewood storage."

—Kevin Gaughan
@formgardendesign



"Monochromatic **mix-and-match furniture** from different collections. The spaces still look cohesive because of the tonal color scheme, and using bright colors makes the furniture feel fresh."

—William Hefner @studiowilliamhefner



"An **outdoor bathtub** is the next big trend. It's all about creating a private zen moment outside in nature."

—Sasha Bikoff @sashabikoff



"In the landscape arena, there is a return to **magnificent formal gardens based on classical architectural principles**. Any design details that evoke glamour and sophistication will dominate this year."

—Fernando Wong @fernandowongold



"**Gas firepits** set a tone for grounding spaces that draw people together. They create areas where you can hang out and enjoy the warm ambience."

—Jack Ovadia
@ovadiadesigngroup

"Prioritizing and inviting wildlife into your yard's landscape has endlessly positive reverberations. There needs to be a **variety of water depths** in a fountain to accommodate a diversity of species."

—David Godshall
@terremoto_landscape



Colanna fountain,
\$959. frontgate.com



"Integrating **indigenous plants into home landscapes** will become of greater interest."

—Melissa Gerstle @melissagerstledesign