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Turn your yard into a sophisticated playground with bold color and indoor-worthy furnishings.

Take advantage of nature's lively backdrop in the warm-weather months with a lush, out-of-doors living room—perfect for lounging or entertaining friends. After all, about a third of Midwesterners pick an outdoor room as their favorite at-home spot for relaxing in warm weather; almost half say it's tops for entertaining, according to the Propane Education & Research Council. New outdoor furniture is as comfortable and stylish as its indoor counterparts, yet stands up to rain and sun. Low-maintenance, gold-toned teak has oils that resist mold and mildew, making it prime for lasting wood furniture. (It weathers to silver gray unless treated with sealer.) Prefer the look of wicker? Opt for an all-weather version made of durable resin. Lightweight powder-coated aluminum is best for often-moved pieces, such as stacking chairs. Beware of strong winds!

(Above) **Furniture** Strata Collection Teak Love Seat, Lounge Chair and Ottoman, Brown Jordan. Cushion fabric: Canvas Melon, Sunbrella. Montego Side Table, Room & Board. **Pillow fabric** (Blue stripe) Mason Capri; (Blue solid) Canvas Capri, Sunbrella. **Accessories** Teak Lantern, Smith & Hawken. (On side table) White Gloss Midori Planter, Sprout Home. (Opposite, clockwise, from top left) **Chairs** Stacking Cafe Chairs in Textured Black with Tangerine, White and Pink seats, Telescope Casual. **Pillows** (from left) Fabric: Sunflower Watermelon, Perennials Outdoor Fabrics. Throw Pillow in Garden Stripe, Ballard Designs. Fabric: Vines

Fire Island, Perennials Outdoor Fabrics. **Ottoman** Pink/Brown Hollow Ottoman, Lebellio. **Water garden** Bados Bowl, Campania. **Sushi low table** in Natural all-weather wicker with Sushi Stools, Gloster. Cushion fabric: Canvas Capri, Sunbrella. **Melamine plates** Multi Dot Dinner Plates and Side Plates, Plum Party. (Pictured on the opener, page 17) **Chair** Freeline Bikeezy Chair in Blue, Jane Hamley Wells. **Pillow fabric** (Pink) Petunia, Waverly Sunburst Sun N Shade. (Yellow) Canvas Sunflower Yellow; (Orange) Canvas Melon, Sunbrella. **Table** Pacifica Square Table in Silver, Room & Board. **Vases** Cabana Teardrop Vases, Design Ideas.

