

## Day 3: Outdoor Spaces



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Many of us are still not comfortable going places, dining out and going on vacations (at least not those that involve planes). It is so important that we all find a way for it to feel like vacation within our own homes. There is no better way to accomplish this goal than deeply decorating an outdoor space. Outdoor spaces are rooms in their own right, and they should be treated as such. Putting a set of outdoor sofas in the yard along with a dining table is a step in the right direction, but do not stop there! Your space needs some decorative touches to make it feel cozy and restful.

### **TASK 1:**

Wipe down hard surfaces with a natural cleanser.

**TASK 2:** Dust outdoor cushions and wipe down with a damp cloth if there are stains to lessen them.

**TASK 3:** Take physical inventory of the coziness? Does each seat have a supportive back pillow? If not, it is time to go shopping. Even comfortable hard chairs like Adirondack chairs require a pillow of some sort.

## **NOW THAT WE HAVE A CLEAN SLATE, LET'S DECORATE!**

### **TASK 1:**

Make your outdoor space feel more like a room by creating the illusion of an enclosure with plants. Plants around the outside of an outdoor space defines the "room" and makes it feel more intimate. If you have existing plants in pots, move some of them to create boundaries for your outdoor space. If not, consider buying some new ones!

### **TASK 2:**

Add a hearty plant to the center of your dining table. This could be a potted herb, flower or plant. Annuals have a long flowering time and can last almost the entire summer! I like a stone of terra-cotta pot for a rustic old world feel.

### **TASK 3:**

Add a light, summer weight throw blanket to your outdoor space. This will need to be brought inside when not in use, but will increase the comfort factor whenever you are enjoying an evening outside. It also doubles as an extra barrier against mosquitoes when draped over your legs!

### **TASK 4:**

Arrange pillows! Buy new ones if you do not have them.

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### Possible Items to Add to Your Decor

#### Outdoor Pillows

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#### Planters

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#### Blankets

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#### Outdoor Sofa Sets

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#### Outdoor Dining Sets

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