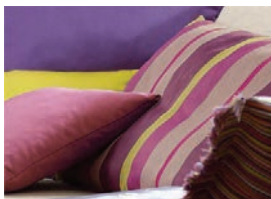
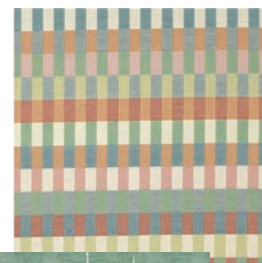


Take It Outside!



There's no place like Santa Barbara for outdoor living—perfect weather, inspiring views.... Think of the patio or garden as yet another room. Steve and Caroline Thompson of CABANA HOME, 805-962-0200, cabanahome.com, foresee outdoor fabrics, colors, finishes, and textiles mirroring those inside the home. "Bright primary colors in stripes, solids, and plaids are giving way to updated color palettes, including the new Pantone color of the year—Radiant Orchid," says Steve. "This isn't your grandmother's porch!" Here, he highlights a few other trends that will help you create your ideal alfresco space.



LOOK UNDERFOOT Outdoor rugs in sun-fast and mildew-resistant materials will allow you to complete an outdoor living room.



FIRE IT UP Sure, outdoor fireplaces are romantic, but the cost and the difficulty of permitting often outweighs the benefit, hence the popularity of the outdoor fire pit.

WATCH FOR PIECES THAT MULTITASK To help justify an expensive purchase, try something that has multiple uses, like a dining table with a lazy Susan that switches to an ice bucket or a fuel burner.

LIGHTEN UP Outdoor dining tables have turned from staid wrought iron to cast stone made with lightweight cement or fiberglass-reinforced concrete that fits both traditional and contemporary styles.

GO WILD WITH WICKER AND MODERNIZE METAL Woven synthetic rattan and wicker are finding their way into more updated styles. Even die-cast aluminum is going modern.

SOFTLY DOES IT Fully upholstered outdoor furniture is ready for its moment. Not only is Sunbrella fabric made to withstand the elements, but so are the frames, inner support systems, and cushion fills.



TOP TO BOTTOM: Kravet Soleil fabric; Perennials outdoor rug, price upon request; Seasonal Living square cube, \$585.



TOP TO BOTTOM: Zimmer & Rhode Accordo pillow, price upon request; Forest armchair, \$845, and Fibonacci collection, JANUS et Cie.



Perpetual Loire table, \$2,850.



DID YOU KNOW... That the ubiquitous oversize Santa Barbara umbrella was the creation of architect **Lutah Maria Riggs** in the 1920s? The talented designer not only left her mark on such local landmarks as the Lobero Theatre and the Vedanta Temple, her handiwork graces the patios and gardens of homes all over Southern California.