



Patio Makeover Buying Guide Quick Reference Handout

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A few, simple additions, or changes to a patio, can make a huge difference. Whether you're starting in a new home, decorating a newly renovated patio or deck, or looking to spruce up an existing space, this guide includes suggestions and tips for the perfect patio makeover.

Patio furniture frames the space

1. Conversational sets and sectionals – These outdoor couches provide comfortable seating for two up to six or more people, with a multitude of size and configuration options.

2. Dining sets – Enjoy meals outside on a comfortable dining set, including both a table and chairs.

3. Patio chairs – Put these on the patio, move them around as needed, or pull them out to use as extras with large groups.

4. Patio tables – These are convenient for holding drinks, snacks, décor items, and more.

5. Patio umbrellas – A must for a dining area or seating area during the height of the day to prevent too much sun.

Family entertainment for video and audio

1. Outdoor TV – You'll use it more than you think, watching the game while barbecuing outside, enjoying Sunday morning cartoons with the kids, and more.

2. Outdoor speakers – These range from mounted and wired speakers to rock speakers in the garden or simple outdoor rated Bluetooth speakers.

3. Outdoor projectors and screens – Set this up for movie night under the stars, a fun activity to keep the kids entertained at night.

Outdoor cooking is a must

1. Barbecue – The standard outdoor cooking appliance, get something new and larger to cook more at once.

2. Smoker – Up your cooking game by slow cooking everything from brisket to ham, impressing friends and neighbours.



3. Outdoor grill – A great secondary outdoor cooking surface for overflow foods, small crowds, or morning bacon, eggs, and pancakes.

4. Pizza oven – One of the latest trends, put down the phone and make your own homemade pizza versus ordering take-out.

5. Outdoor cooler – Keep drinks cold for hours in the cooler with ice.

Outdoor ambiance and décor

1. Lighting ideas – Use smart, app-controlled lighting, solar lights, and pathway lighting for easily navigating around steps.

2. Shades and awning – A retractable awning allows you to enjoy some shade during the height of sunshine, then pull it back once the sun isn't as strong.

3. Potted plants and stands – Complement the garden with potted plants sitting neatly on stands for a beautiful look.

Go all year with outdoor heating

1. Patio heaters and fireplaces – Enjoy both warmth and coziness with a patio heater or fireplace during the cooler days and nights.

2. Fire tables and fire pits – They provide warmth but also light, and with some, you can even cook things like S'mores.

Summer fun

1. Hot tubs – Relax after a long day in a small hot tub on your own patio.

2. Saunas – Relax, dry off, and de-stress in a backyard sauna, especially after a swim on a cool night.

3. Pools – Test the waters with an above-ground pool you can purchase and set up in a day.

4. Outdoor play – From soccer nets to sand tables, there's lots of outdoor play items for adults and kids of all ages, alike.

Makeover your green space

1. Lawn and garden – Set up chairs, a picnic table, gazebo, swing set, and other items in a nice, cool and shaded spot on the grass, too.

2. Hanging chairs, hammocks, swings – Enjoy an afternoon siesta or quiet "me time" in a hanging chair, hammock, or swing on the grass or patio as well.

3. Pots, planter boxes, and garden beds – Add a sense of ambiance with a planter box to highlight your favourite florals and plants.

4. Privacy screens – Add some privacy from prying eyes with a privacy screen set up by the pool, table,



deck, or wherever else you see fit.

Tips for a patio makeover

Don't overcrowd the space – While getting nice furniture is a good idea, don't go overboard and always make sure there's enough open space.

Choose a favourable colour scheme – Everything should be complementary when it comes to colours, and steer clear of white, which stains easily, or black, which can get hot in the summer.

Measure, measure, measure – Know where everything will go ahead of time and measure the space to ensure it will fit.

Plan proper storage and care – Prepare where the items will be stored in the off season and how you will protect larger items like furniture. This includes ample storage space and protective covers.