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At-Home Spaces That Feel Like Vacation

An ornate
conservatory awash
in natural light,
by designer
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Q: What does your ideal outdoor space look and feel like?



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Fresh air and fresh style ahead: Editorial Director Joanna Saltz asked designers and editors to describe the nature-rich elements in their dream backyard oasis.

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“A versatile space with luscious vines, billowing trees, and cozy seating. Imagine reading a book with iced tea in the summer and gathering with friends and family around a fire in the winter.”

—Hilton Carter, interior designer and author of *The Propagation Handbook*, @hiltoncarter

“I would love to create a little backyard spa with a sauna and a cold plunge (Redwood Outdoors makes nice ones). I like the idea of adding a calming feature that can be enjoyed year-round.”

—Nicolas Neubeck, creative director, @nneubeck



“One thing that’s important to remember with gardens is to always have things that are tall. We are typically looking down, but I love height to help us really feel the space and connect to the sky.”

—Bunny Williams, interior designer and author of *Bunny Williams: Life in the Garden*, @bunnys_eye

“An open-air pavilion in the Ottoman tradition, like you would see at Topkapi Palace in Istanbul. These rooms are opulent yet meant to inspire contemplation and quietude, which hits the perfect note for a garden.”

—Adam Sirak, landscape and exterior designer, @sirakstudio

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“Fruiting trees, herbs, and native species make a harmonious and sustainable haven. It not only serves as a personal sanctuary, but growing one’s own food fosters a deeper connection to the environment.”

—Plant Kween, author of *You Grow, Gurl!*, @plantkween

“My dream is an old garden, in need of restoration, with patinaed walls and hedges creating outdoor rooms. I’d wish for these garden spaces to open out onto a large, gently sloped swath of land where meadows of flowers and native grasses all spill down to the water’s edge.”

—Janice Parker, landscape architect, @janiceparkerjpla

“I love to see multiple shades of green. I always joke that I have a very limited color palette: green and white. There is something very serene about the combination that you do not get with a riot of color.”

—Fernando Wong, landscape designer, @fernandowong_ol

“My outdoor oasis has a covered patio area with a sectional and a larger **open-air entertaining zone with a kitchen** (equipped with both a grill and an outdoor fridge); a fully stocked, self-serve bar cart; and easy access to a pedestal dining table and a circular conversation pit surrounded by lanterns.”

—Carisha Swanson, director of editorial special projects, @carishaswanson



“Crisp, manicured boxwoods lining a stone path down to a Har-Tru clay tennis court with an adjacent navy-striped cabana-style pavilion featuring a filtered-water cooler, refrigerator for cold towels, and ample seating for players and spectators alike.”

—Jess Teves, executive content editor, @jessicatteves