



OUTDOOR LIVING

BRINGING THE INDOORS OUT

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Spring rolls into Southwest Florida with a promise of sunshine and an oasis of calm. Whether gathering with friends by the pool for refreshing drinks, hosting evening barbecues on the lawn, stargazing or enjoying fireside chats on poolside chaises perfectly poised to welcome the evening rosy glow – Florida residents and visitors aren't wasting a minute of enjoying life in paradise.

And while the season shifts to welcome a slower pace or the next summer vacation, there's no better time to give that outdoor space a boost.

Enhancing the outdoor living spaces has been a major trend in renovation and design, including an increased desire to connect outdoor spaces with interior spaces for all things fun, lounging and entertaining.

This year, it's really been about finding ways to bring the inside out. Whether as part of a renovation or new home build, homeowners are creating indoor spaces to blend seamlessly with the great outdoors.

With that in mind, here are some of the trends that continue to gain momentum.

CONTEMPORARY OUTDOOR DESIGNS

Living in Southwest Florida, you'll find an eclectic mix of coastal-inspired homes from Park Shore to Port Royal – from West Indies architecture to clean, modern lines, and interiors embracing neutral tones and a sophisticated palette of finishes and furnishings. Homeowners desire the same comfort and luxury they've become accustomed to indoors, and are recreating



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outdoor living spaces to reflect the warm and inviting spaces that are central to how they live.

Stepping outdoors, you'll find spaces defined by multiple seating areas, including small sectionals, chaises for lounging or outdoor dining tables. Selections include everything from boldly shaped pieces to softer more organic curves and forms with light fabrics accented with pops of color in the outdoor furnishings.

High-end, resort-style furniture, such as those by Dedon, provide craftsmanship, functionality and resistance to the outdoor elements.

When it comes to color, expect to see lots of neutrals punctuated with vibrant Cote d'Azur-inspired hues and this year's new official color, "Living Coral."

From pillows, umbrellas and decorative colors, there are a number of ways to incorporate this vibrant hue throughout outdoor accessories.

Custom accents also enhance the space, such as dramatic tongue-and-groove wood-paneled ceilings, textured walls, dramatic up lighting, and cabinetry for additional storage.

BLURRING BOUNDARIES

Whether accommodating larger groups for gracious gatherings or creating a more intimate setting for lingering conversations, it's important to consider how indoor spaces flow outwards. Adding beauty and breeze, expansive floor-to-ceiling windows and pocket wall-to-wall sliding doors allow spaces such as a family room to open and create a seamless transition into the outdoor space. Motorized blinds and retractable screens offer added privacy, while additional home automation adds conveniences, such as Wi-Fi based speakers or one-touch control settings for outdoor sound and video.

ALFRESCO DINING

Outdoor kitchens remain one of the core components to alfresco designs, with homeowners desiring to take the entertaining outdoors without breaking to check on the roasting dish indoors.

No longer is the traditional grill enough for backyard barbecues; now outdoor design plans are incorporating luxury appointments, such as two grills, high-end appliances like the circular EVO flattop that can be built into a large freestanding island bar, or separate burner and warming drawers.

An array of countertops and cabinetry are also available to fully deck out outdoor spaces, and offer functionality, UV resistance, zero-water absorption and color stability.

WATER FEATURES AND FIRE TABLES

A water feature can set a more relaxed atmosphere with its soothing sounds and attraction of wildlife. It can also act as a charming focal point for the backyard and enhance the outdoor living space and compliment the tranquil pool setting. Including a fire table or fire pit adds to the ambiance, with additional seating for fireside chats and storytelling. And on cool nights, the firepit also provides a source of heat that will allow guests to continue enjoying the evening till late into the night.

For more information about how to transform your outdoor space to reflect the beauty and style found in your indoor spaces, contact Romanza Interior Design at 239.596.1613 or visit www.Romanza.com. Full-service interior design firm that has received more than 150 interior and architectural design awards for their work in luxury custom homes throughout Southwest Florida, Romanza Interior Design blends innovative design with superior service to make each home reflective of its residents' style and taste.

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