



COVERED PORCH  
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## Breath of Fresh Air

Designers call on color, pattern, and texture to bring inviting style to a variety of alfresco spaces

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**C**ozy furniture, chic accessories, and just the right mix of patterns are must-haves for an elegant and inviting outdoor entertaining area. Take inspiration from the creative minds at the 2017 Hampton Designer Showhouse. In their designs of porches, terraces, and poolside patios, they brought distinctive perspectives of balanced and beautiful open-air spaces.

### Covered Porch

Lisa Mende brings a splash of citrus flavor to her porch space with Perennials textiles. "Playful Plaid" fabric in the Tutti Frutti hue forms energetic pillows and draperies that complement ottomans covered in preppy "Jake Stripe" fabric—in juicy Mandarin. A custom chandelier by Louise Gaskill brings in more beachy summertime flair. "It's made of hand-gilded

shells and vintage Murano glass," Mende says. "Louise took my vision and created a one-of-a-kind piece." Its watery blues repeat on the tasseled cloth covering the table—set for a fun, relaxed gathering with colorful dinnerware from Replacements, Ltd. Patio furniture by Woodard gives guests plenty of cozy spots to unwind, something that Mende believes is crucial to outdoor design. "Comfortable chairs ►



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are a must because outdoor spaces are where we want to relax,” she says. “It’s important to keep the space enjoyable and inviting.”

### Terrace

For her sun-drenched terrace areas, Libby Langdon delivers sophisticated, functional style with a mix of pieces from her furniture collections for NorthCape. “My

goal was for the furnishings to feel like an extension of an indoor space, just as comfortable and inviting as your living room,” she says. Two seating areas feature resin wicker pieces, while another uses gorgeous all-weather upholstery. Cushions covered in navy fabric with white welting reflect crisp, classic Hamptons style. Playful patterns and pops of aqua—notably on two rugs that are part of Langdon’s out-

door collection for KAS Rugs—add a fresh twist. The designer’s vases for Bradburn Home hold a beautiful finishing touch for the gathering spots with lush bouquets of freshly clipped hydrangeas.

### Pool Terrace

Serenity sings in Chris Mead’s poolside terrace design. The space features clean lines, neutral hues, and a hint of vintage ➤



character from his antiques store, English Country Home. While a sleek, modern white sectional with pillows covered in textural striped fabric invites lounging, statuesque concrete garden stools and concrete-and-glass tables contrast the softness and layer in warm, earthy tones.

### Terrace with Covered Porch

Classic blue-and-white sets the tone for

the terrace and porch designed by Gregory Shano and Michael Giannelli of East Hampton Gardens. A Brown Jordan love seat and chairs on the porch mesh beautifully with the colors and patterns of chinoiserie porcelain. A neutral outdoor rug from Stark and draperies crafted of Thibaut fabric ground the sea of blue. More cozy seating areas extend onto the terrace, each cooled by its own umbrella and lush

green potted plants. "When it comes to outdoor spaces, we like the idea of creating rooms with different uses, so there's a sense of intimacy for you and your guests," Shano says. "Plants of different shapes and sizes provide walls, and outdoor curtains or umbrellas create privacy." ■

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