

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Creating An Affordable Outdoor Oasis

(NAPSA)—Instead of splurging on a tropical vacation, a growing number of people are creating their own fabulous getaways to enjoy every day—right outside their own back doors.

To create an affordable oasis of your own, focus on colors and hues, textures and iconic images. Do you long for the blues, greens and shells of a tropical beach? Perhaps you adore the sun-drenched warmth of Mexico or the Mediterranean, or the spa-like simplicity of natural elements and neutral tones. Whatever your style and budget, the experts at off-price retailer HomeGoods offer the following guidelines to make your dream a reality:

Furniture As A Focal Point: Set the stage with the right furniture. Rich teak benches, lounge chairs and tables lend themselves to a soothing garden scene, while a mosaic bistro table and chairs invite you to morning coffee or dining alfresco.

Tabletop Touches: Whether your taste is toward monochromatic and complementary colors or bold and contrasting hues, layering tabletop elements is key to creating a captivating setting for coffee, cocktails or anything in between. Affordable indulgences such as stylish ceramic or melamine plates and serving pieces, colorful glassware and eye-catching centerpieces complete your table.

Details Create A Difference: Fashionable and functional decorative accessories add depth and texture. Intricate carved wooden screens create architectural detail, while oversized planters and urns create instant privacy in any space. Hand-painted ceramics



Creating an outdoor oasis can be easy and affordable with the right touches.

from Italy, Mexico and Portugal add an international flair, and metal lanterns with cutwork provide a mystical glow. If you love the beach, tall classic vases filled with sea grass transport you there.

Don't Forget Fabrics: Define your outdoor space as a living room of its own with an outdoor rug with a cool or light, airy pattern. Deep seating with plush cushions and pillows in contemporary prints or bold stripes add color, comfort and style.

Give It A Glow: Set the mood with lighting for the final, perfect touch. Surround yourself with fun and festive string lights or, for a sophisticated glow, consider a collection of hurricane lanterns in varying heights, and tall, colorful columned candles.

With prices up to 60 percent less than department and specialty stores, HomeGoods makes it possible to furnish your oasis with items from around the globe so you can truly relax and enjoy. To find a store near you, visit homegoods.com.