

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## From Patio To Party Space

(NAPSA)—Out, it seems, is in again.

Patio parties are increasingly popular, as Americans want to both stay close to home and make the most of the home they have.

### Here's How

To help you get in on the outdoor fun, the interior design experts at HGTV offer three easy steps for setting an excellent outdoor buffet table:

**STEP 1**—Start with a theme based on a color or subject matter. This way, you can throw out things that don't work. One idea is to use a colorful scarf as a runner across a white tablecloth. Then add aspects to the table that complement the scarf in some way.

**STEP 2**—Choose a centerpiece or other focal point. This can be a traditional flower arrangement or even a chic lighting fixture. Then, if you like, add extras such as a silk flower garland, ribbons or fabrics that visually tie in with your theme.

**STEP 3**—Add appropriate embellishments. A simple suggestion is assembling miniature bouquets by tying small bunches of flowers together with wire and then wind-



**A delicious outdoor buffet can be easier to arrange than many people realize. Sometimes all it takes is thinking outside the, er, house.**

ing the stems with matching ribbons. If you're craving creativity, make candleholders out of terracotta pots by painting them, turning them upside down and gluing matching saucers to the bottom. Now you have pretty pedestals for pillar candles.

### Learn More

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