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# 10 Outdoor Decoration Mistakes Interior Designers Always Notice

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Outdoor decoration is a fun activity, especially when you have open space and a huge backyard. People try to decorate outdoor spaces to make their houses more welcoming. However, due to some mistakes, the house owners don't get the house to look the way they want. Ahead, you'll find some common mistakes that designers always notice.

#### 1. Awkward Furniture Layout

A patio or a terrace is like a living room in that it's all about entertaining guests rather than having them sit alone. How the outdoor seating is arranged and laid out is also quite vital, and if soirces and garden parties are something you intend to host, this is equally valid. Ensure you provide a sense of four conversation spaces with your seating or designate specific lounging or seat areas via different rugs and decor. Always go for home decor furniture that makes your space more welcoming for guests.

### 2. Skipping Plants

Outdoor places are incomplete without plants. Adding potted plants and flowers will adorn and naturalize it in a wonderful way. If you have a backyard attached to a beautiful sunroom or a terrace in the city, the patio should always be a place where the green thumb is in action and never where you are just hanging out without having anything on hand.

#### 3. Leaving the Walls Bare

Using space of a spacious back wall or a cozy corner for the outdoor space, leverage that area! Consider it as a part of the indoor environment and ensure that there are no white spaces without much decoration. Aim at spicing up your space with hanging pots, wall planters, or trellises covered with climbing ivy to attract the eye to the space above and make it more interesting.

#### 4. Limited Seating

Choosing the right amount of furniture for the space you intend to do your patio becomes a daunting task, but getting it perfect is essential to you coming up with a welcoming and well-suited patio.

Do not forget about the importance of some empty space that refreshes the eye, which is especially

important in a plant-filled outside living. But do not allow the area to look too crowded and overdone.

First, consider what kind of space you're dealing with and how many seats you might need. Take measurements accurately to provide the vendor or furniture store with the best information to facilitate ordering!

#### 5. Zero Lighting

If you have an outdoor zoo, decorate it with glamorous overhead lamps and lanterns, or choose simple hanging lights and outdoor sconces to shed light over the open backyard.

#### 6. When Using Too Much Material

Just as it is essential with the client's interior design, misusing colors or materials can make it look messy and visually jarring. Be clear and let the theme be outdoor-oriented as much as possible. Just do not do a mix-match of many different styles and fabrics because this will look unorganized and disconnected,

#### 7. A Random Color Palette

Like when decorating the interior of your house, using color properly is vital for crafting a unique outdoor space – it is, however, a detail that is often neglected. Choose outdoor furniture colors that should be harmonized with the colors, such as too many pops of color.

Stick to neutrals like black, dark green, or beige so as to give your furniture a background that is in line with your surroundings outdoors. Hence, the furniture will be harmonious with your environment and not disturbing. You can use cushions and accessories in a variety of colored shades to give your space a personalized and dynamic life.

#### 8. Keeping Soft Furnishings Outside

Remember that the statement "weather-resistant" is just a fancy way to say you won't have to get a new set of outdoor furniture or soft furnishing every time it rains.

Outdoor cushions and pillows can set a new trend or just relax your backyard with different colors and shapes; from simple tones to the backyard deckchair stripes, they are the best way to keep color pops in the house. Be prepared to store them in winter or rainy periods as with the outside-grade fabric to make them durable.

### 9. Forgetting Functionality In Outdoor Decoration

The creation of outdoor areas should center around functionality, keeping in mind the various aspects, such as seating arrangements, traffic flow, and the purpose of the outside area.

Designers recommend making your patio more practical by adding features such as dining tables, seating areas, and even outdoor kitchens. These will all improve how usable and enjoyable your outdoor living space will be.

## 10. Disregarding Seasonal Changes

Ultimately, people often do not take into account the fact of changing seasons when decorating outdoor areas. Outdoor decor must be season-proof, which means it should be flexible and let homeowners relax in their backyards even in the winter.

According to designers, introducing seasonal aspects like cushions, throws, and exterior accessories that are easy to change can help revitalize the look of outdoor spaces with each new season.

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