



# SUMMER IN THE

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It seems many vacationers this summer will be swapping the allure of beaches in Bermuda or trekking through the Rockies for destinations much closer to home. Weekend trips to Wisconsin, Michigan or Indiana may still be in the offing, but if your summer holiday spot is your own backyard or that ever-so-precious high-rise terrace, consider making an investment in new outdoor furnishings and accessories to make the space a true urban escape. The latest open-air materials and finishes are dependable, retaining the value of your assets for years to come, and surround you in comfort and style.

Innovation and quality are the operative words when it comes to recent outdoor designs. It's been years since we've had to rely on rickety aluminum frames with treated plastic straps that fly away in the slightest air current and mark their place on the back of our thighs with waffled red marks. Every year there are more and more chic furnishings made of durable materials that won't take flight when the breezes blow across our windy city. Fabrics that are sun- and rain-resistant keep the colors from fading and the mildew at bay, while actually looking and feeling good at the same time. Some of the furniture styles are so attractive and versatile that you may not relegate them to the porch at all, but consider them for indoor use.

Fire up the grill, sit back, kick off your sandals and put up your feet to enjoy the summer breezes off Lake Michigan. Staying home for the summer has never been so comfortable or looked so good—and a little extra comfort is just what we all need this season.

The whole family can hang out together in this oversized hammock. (right) With this ingenious support frame, you can set it up anywhere, no trees required. The canopy is removable for serious sunbathing - sunscreen not included.  
Available from Honey Hill Design at Bradley Terrace



Red is the color known to stimulate our appetite. When it's applied to this spectacular dining table (below), you may never stop eating! Made to withstand the weather, McKinnon and Harris pieces are manufactured of heavy-duty aluminum with a full range of colored epoxy and lacquer finishes. This tray table is another fine example of their classic yet contemporary styling (above). Load up the tray with snacks in the Lichen and carry it out to the terrace, where it fits securely atop the table base. The base can also be used without the tray.  
Available at Bradley Terrace Outdoor Furnishings



Light the night with this large-scale lantern (right). It stands 36" high with a 60-watt bulb, making a statement on the floor or tabletop. The Yonaga lamp is constructed of exterior fabric and an anodized brass frame. U.S. approved for outdoor use, the simplicity of the design works with modern or traditional furnishings. Available at [Jana at C/o](#)



The graceful lines of the Ciriolesse Chair are formed of hand-woven synthetic fiber on a powder-coated steel frame. There are other chairs and tables available to complete the series and several color choices, plus a natural fiber weave for indoor use. Available at [D&B Italia](#)



The modern look of Fusion successfully blends the cultural elements of European materials, American design and Asian craftsmanship. This innovative and contemporary design evokes an attitude of custom furniture as its bold profile generates international appeal. Reminiscent of furniture traditionally used for indoor placements, Fusion uniquely mobilizes to the outdoors. Shown in bronze with Windward cushions.

Available at [www.houzz.com](#)

