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# PORCH PERFECT

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Spring is coming, and the warmer weather beckons people outside and onto their porches.

Back porches are a little piece of outdoor heaven – an extension of a home – and can be the most-used space in a home. When I was asked to design this porch, my number one goal was to make it comfortable, element-friendly, and relaxed.

I kept the interior in mind and made sure that the new doors in this space opened wide to the family room. The dining area

seats the whole family and is filled with easy chairs. The pendant light adds a flourish of drama over the table. Easy maintenance is key, and adding large pots to fill yearly creates a lush, outdoor dining room where you can relax for hours. A step down to the sitting area, I continued with the same color palette. I often steer clear of loud prints in my outdoor porches, as I believe that the yard, and all its natural beauty, should be the focal point. Two large sofas and matching chairs, as well as an indoor/outdoor rug in a complementary color, helped to complete the design. Lucite





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tables added to the open feeling, and because you can't have enough greenery on your porch, I incorporated more pots and hanging ferns. For year-round use, we installed two heaters on the ceiling – great for cool nights and misty mornings – to take the chill off.

This new add-on has all the outdoor bells and whistles and will have lasting power with its subtle colors and relaxed ambiance.

**Tips for Back Porches:**

- Create a spot for firewood that's hidden, yet accessible.
- Pay attention to your exterior paint colors.
- You can't have too many potted plants. ♦



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