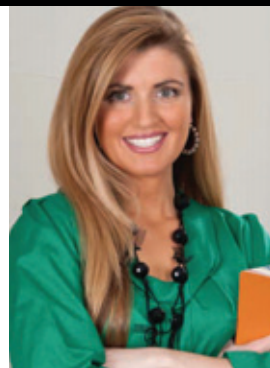


# Bringing **Trendy Living** Outdoors



*Dvira Ovadia* (dvira.com)



Bubble Club Armchair by Philippe Starck from Design Within Reach (dwr.com)



Patio Installation from Artificial Grass & Landscaping Inc. ([aglgrass.com](http://aglgrass.com))



Madison Planter from Urban Mode  
([urbanmode.com](http://urbanmode.com))

**M**other Nature is finally giving us a peek of Spring weather after the harsh and cold winter season! This is the most anticipated time of year when people are excited to begin spending time outdoors under the blue skies and the sunny weather. Bringing the comforts of modern indoors to the outside elements is trendier than ever and allows us all to enjoy our patios and balconies. Why not take the time to give your outdoor real estate a little TLC? Maximizing your real-estate potential means using every square inch of your property, including your terrace. Give your space a facelift with easy do-it-yourself tips and stylish furniture and accessory pieces.

**Weatherproof Furnishings**

Outdoor furniture is key to creating cozy and comfortable outdoor living and dining areas. If your space is limited choose one approach that will have you best utilizing your terrace. There are many weatherproof fabrics and furnishings on the market to target your style. Woven resin pieces are the hottest commodities on the block that will have your space feeling like a hotel lounge. Pieces range from full seating arrangements to unique loungers and chairs. Look for sets that stack away for easy storing and the end of the season. Other boutique hotel-like pieces include the Philippe Starck molded polypropylene Bubble Club Sofa, these highly resistant pieces are engineered to withstand harsh weather conditions, even the side creases on the seats are designed to drain rain water.

**Calling all Birds**

Weather you are a bird watcher or not, bringing some elements of nature to a concrete jungle is a real breath of fresh air. Modern Bird feeders will bring colourful feathers and chirp to your patio.

**Pots and Planters**

Bring some green to your terrace with large pots and planters filled with lush topiaries. These modern objects are essential fillers and act as decorative pieces just as accessories would in your home. Complimenting your balcony with these trimmings helps elevate some green to your unit. Choose from real plants that require regular maintenance or go fake with ones that look great all year long.

Change "and" to "at"

the word "Bird" doesn't need to be capitalized



Popoutz Bird Feeders from Design Within Reach (dwr.com)



Palmetto Honey All Weather Wicker Accent Tables from The Pottery Barn (potterybarn.com)



Egg chair from Icon Home Design (iconhomedesign.com)

Stackable Tibet Set from Icon Home Design (iconhomedesign.com)

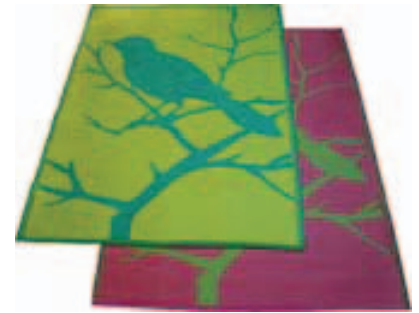


**Get the Grass**

Speaking of elevating green to your terrace, look out for a number of turf companies now catering to bringing manicured lawns to spaces and places you would never have even dreamed of! City living sometimes has us craving for that lush patch of green space and you can now have it right outside your sliding door! The faux turf is maintenance free and comes in a number of different lengths and blade styles, so how do you like your grass?

**Shag your Floors**

Outdoor rugs are the hottest things to have hit the 'home and garden' living scene. Woven from polyurethane fibres these mats can withstand outdoor temperatures. Maintenance is simple and easy, just hose them down and they're like-new again. Effortless design accents now come in a variety of patterns and bright colors up your outdoor oasis. Under a bistro set, a lounge or a grouping of chairs, these shags will help cosy-up your al fresco space. For larger spaces group a few of these together to create one large rug!

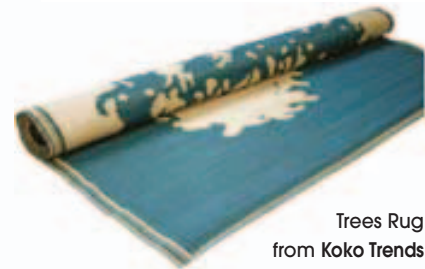


Bird rug from Koko Trends (kokotrends.com)

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Classic rug from Koko Trends (kokotrends.com)



Trees Rug from Koko Trends (kokotrends.com)



Tuuci Razor Umbrella from Design Within Reach (dwr.com)

**Get Your Shade On**

If your terrace is open to the elements be sure to shade yourself with a colourful umbrella. Sunshades are taking on new shapes and styles combined with fresh fabrics and patterns. These well-designed pieces have now brought the fun in functional.

**Stools and Sides**

Accent tables and stools are practical objects for spaces small and large. They can double up as stands or seaters and are great for entertaining. Always keep a few extra of these handy and allow them to casually float around your space, they are versatile, stylish and make for some great showy pieces. CL



Prince Aha Stool from Design Within Reach (dwr.com).