

Well-traveled terrace

Eclectic furnishings and colorful patterned fabrics lend this outdoor room worldly panache. Here's how to create an equally spirited spot at your place BY GILLIAN BARTH + PHOTOGRAPH BY TIM BEDDOW

➔ **IN THE AUGUST HEAT**, there's nothing more inviting than a shady alfresco hideaway—especially when it's as lively as summer itself. Take this globally inspired outdoor room, put together by California-based interior designer Kathryn M. Ireland. “The homeowners wanted it to feel exotic, like someplace in Mexico or Morocco,” says Ireland. So she assembled handcrafted pieces from a variety of cultures for the Spanish Mission-style home's covered patio. To add a sense of playfulness—and complement the climbing bougainvillea—she lightened the dark, hand-carved furniture with bright cushions from her own fabric line. Their vibrant colors offer a cheery contrast to the aged patina of the furnishings and accessories.

Read on for ways to assemble a globe-trotting corner in your own backyard.



carved chair

This Himalayan Sheesham wood perch evokes the homeowners' antique find at right. \$279; homedecorators.com

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colorful climber

Live in a cool climate? Try a climbing rose to create a leafy canopy. Tess of the d'Urbervilles rose, \$26 per bare-root plant; davidaustrinroses.com



wall-hung cabinet

A rustic pine shelf from south of the border offers a spot to stow pottery and servingware. \$77; directfrommexico.com



candle lantern

This fixture with filigree openwork and an antiqued brass finish provides twinkly charm overhead. \$45; jamaligarden.com



tile-print pillows

Add color and pattern with these geometric cushions, which have a punchy look for less. From \$34 for two; wayfair.com



tea glasses

Etched and painted Moroccan tumblers help make any afternoon feel like a celebration. \$8 each; taytea.com



scrollwork sconce

The design of this candleholder is modeled after old-world decorative wrought iron. \$15; worldmarket.com

DIY

stenciled furniture

To re-create the look of the homeowners' hand-painted side table at left, we used painter's tape to isolate a portion of a large stencil design inspired by Spanish tile. Then we used it to sponge-brush exterior house paint in yellow onto a red octagonal table. Table, \$145; moroccanprestige.com. Barcelona Tile stencil, \$21; shop.modernmasters.com ■



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