

Dress-up Your Outdoor Spaces

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Once upon a time, outdoor fabric consisted of vinyl or vinyl-like fabrics that would get hot and stick to your legs and were limited to five or six different colors. With new technology and the growing popularity of outdoor rooms, outdoor fabrics have moved into the 21st century.

Sunbrella® is still the leader in creating outdoor fabric. Made from tough acrylic fibers, their fabrics have proven themselves to be truly fade- and mildew-resistant and waterproof. In addition to their traditional offering of two-color striped fabrics, they have expanded their

collection to include solids like Jockey Red, Parrot Green and Henna, tone-on-tone jacquards, and multi-color stripe collections like Seaside, featuring soothing blues that ease into greens. Sunbrella®'s full lines of prints include contemporary swirls and circles, butterflies, zebra stripes in green and gray, and florals in delicate pinks and yellows. Not to be outdone, the great fabric houses such as Scalamandre, Duralee and Waverly are now carrying extensive lines of outdoor fabrics that match their traditional collections. And what about trims? Using Sunbrella® yarns, Brimar® has cre-



ated a line of trim and tassels ranging from Surf (combining blue and beige) to Strawberry (made with greens and reds). Conso® International offers bullion, brush fringe, tassel fringe and tieback in mixed colors such as Rainbow Row and Tropicana. All trims from both companies are mildew-resistant, waterproof, UV-proof and stain resistant. Contact your local designer to get your outdoor furniture dressed-up!