

Outdoor Patio Ideas- 10 Simple Rules for Outdoor Furniture!

I love **great outdoor furniture**. Our **outdoor space** is used more and more for entertaining and living. So I asked the great people over at [Summer Classics](#) for **10 patio ideas** for readers on how to select the **best patio furniture** because if you are going to invest in your outdoor space you want to do it right!



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Summer Classics has [7 Summer Classics Retail Stores](#). These patio ideas come from Summer Classics Retail Managers who have seen it all and know exactly how to maximize your outdoor space with patio furniture.

[10 Things to Know When Buying Patio Furniture](#)

Rule 1. Know Your Manufacturer

When you invest in outdoor furniture you are investing in the manufacturer. Summer Classics has beautifully manufactured high-quality outdoor furniture and doing it for over 30 years. They use only the [best materials](#) and it shows. They are constantly improving their patio furniture and fabrics with contemporary patio ideas.

Rule 2. Fabric Replacement

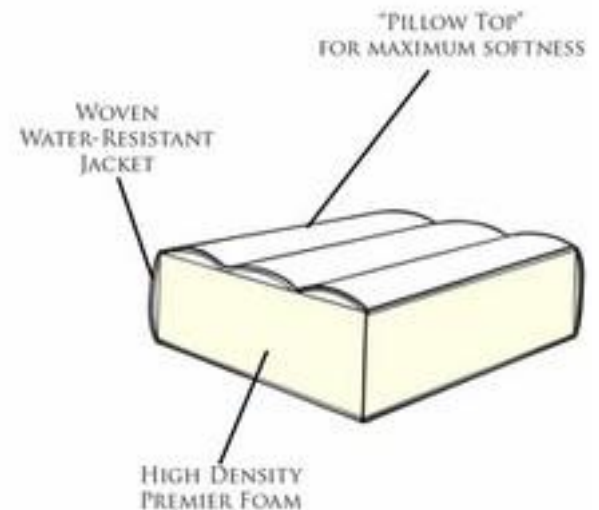
Ever needed to replace outdoor fabric to find they don't make it anymore or have gone out of business? Annoying! Check availability before ordering replacement cushions to change your [outdoor fabrics](#).

Rule 3. Comfort – Dreamy!

If you don't know [about](#) Summer Classics exclusive [Dream Cushion](#) for additional comfort then read on because this investment is worth it.



Dream Cushion™ by Summer Classics offers 1.8 density, California Fire Rated Foam, for maximum comfort and resiliency. Our woven, water-resistant jacket features a “pillow top” of blown-fiber channels providing the utmost quality and softness. Soft, durable, and water-resistant... This is truly the perfect cushion.



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Rule 4. Styling Availability

If you want furniture in your outdoor space to match check future availability of additional pieces. Sometimes outdoor furniture is on sale because a style is being discontinued.

Rule 5. Environment Impact

Outdoor space needs a different type of furniture to the indoors; furniture that can withstand the elements and depending where you live – that can mean a lot or very little. A well covered patio in an apartment block has a different [environment](#) to an outdoor space where there is a salt water pool ocean spray.



Summer Classics has an article called *Patio Furniture and Your Pool* which you can read [here](#).



Rule 6. No Fabric Rule

Heavily canopied areas need either no cushions or thin cushions for patio furniture.

Rule 7. Fade Resistant Fabric

Place lighter colored fabrics in areas with a lot of sunlight. They are cooler to touch.



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Rule 8. High Wind Areas

High wind areas need heavier pieces of patio furniture.

Rule 9. Child Proof

Patio furniture with rounded edges are the best to keep children safe.

Rule 10. Warranties

Check store and manufacturer's warranty policies before purchasing furniture. Good furniture comes with warranties and replacement conditions.

Read the full article [here](#). If you need **patio ideas** call on *Summer Classics*. Their stores make house calls so you can select the perfect **outdoor furniture** for your patio, garden or outdoor space, go to their [showhouse blog post](#) or read our previous outdoor furniture post [here](#) or outdoor rugs [here](#). Here's to your outdoor living for a Decorated Life!