

## Outdoor trends

Many of this year's outdoor fashion trends debuted at the fall International Casual Furniture and Accessories Market at Chicago's Merchandise Mart, while others will surface in designer showrooms and at retailers all over the country. Here are some of the newest directions:

**White hot.** There still are a lot of espresso furniture frames around, reflecting the rich hue's popularity indoors. But cream and bright white are starting to make the rounds.

**Light your fire.** Firepits are heating up landscapes in a variety of table designs that feature logs, stones or crushed glass as a base from which the flames rise. Some new designs are bowl-shaped; others rectangular, with long insets.

**Rock it.** The daddy of all recliners, La-Z-Boy, teamed up with Brown Jordan to introduce a weatherproof model. It has company, with other manufacturers offering chairs that move into several positions, swivel, rock or massage you.

**Put a rug on it.** Snappy designs expand the solid-hued offerings in rugs for rain or shine. Among the most fetching are a lime rug with a graphic of white daisies bridging its chocolate border from Laurie Bell.

**Daydreaming.** From cradling and cocooning chairs for at least two, daybeds and full four-poster models are available if you have the

space.

**Bright forecast.** The delicately scaled shapely Sereno barrel-backed wrought iron chair from Kettler (kettlerusa.com) is like eye candy, with its lime hue. The chair, which sells for \$265, was awarded best of show at the Casual Market.

**Lights on.** Glam table lamps, such as Joe Ruggiero's classic urn for Woodard (woodard-furniture.com), have a modern twist — a cutout.

**Screen it.** Weatherproof LCD TVs are available in sizes from 23 inches (\$1,999) to 55 inches (\$8,895). And movie theater sets, with a 12-foot screen and Epson projector with LCD technology, retail for \$2,499. Both are from Frontgate.

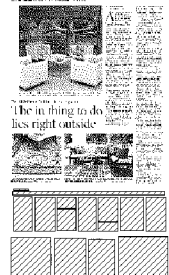
**Another screen,** the fashionable folding variety, can be used as a focal point, a decorative tour de force.

**Wide weaves.** Like giant cable sweaters, some wicker-like weaves are dramatic in scale. Though some are solid, often wrapped around frames with bold curves, other large-scale models

are see-through, with circles or patterns that lend an airiness to the ample frames. Meshes and PVC also offer transparency. **Aucourant accessories.** New cushions or pillows can breathe new life into seating that's a few years old. One current motif is the philodendron in shades of indigo. Current fabric patterns include ethnic, such as Moroccan, African prints, including animal spots and zebra stripes, geometrics and wood grains, all of which are popular on fashion runways and in home interiors. Palettes span the rainbow with coral, red, terra cotta, ochre, lime and apple, chocolate, plum and blues from turquoise to cobalt, as well as black and white.

**Woodalikes.** Besides metal designed to look like wood, Currey and Co. (curreyco.dealers.com) introduced the organic Redgrove chair, whose branchy pattern suggests wood but is crafted in a surprising combination of concrete and steel.

**Mixed media.** The teaming of metals with wood or faux wicker with stainless steel inspires mixing up the furniture groupings, as well. For an eclectic look, don't buy everything en suite.





**A cocooning clamshell shape provides deep seating with this lounge from Domus Ventures. The chair, about \$10,000, also gives a massage.**

*Domus Ventures: 800-888-5293 or domusventures.com*



**It looks like bent bark but it's actually weather-resistant resin over an aluminum frame. About \$2,000.**

*Whitecraft: 954-921-0775 or whitecraftinc.net*



**Shades of apple, cream and toast team for a fresh palette.**

*Restoration Hardware: 800-910-9836 or restorationhardware.com*



**Fire dances across crushed glass in this edgy firepit made of stainless steel. The sleek design creates a striking focal point for after-dark entertaining. The 36-inch-square table, which stands 16 inches tall, sells for \$1,699.**

*Frontgate*