

Stylish Solutions

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For our decorating projects in California especially, we are using strong bold and graphic outdoor fabrics. Making slipcovers allows for seasonal looks without the commitment of reupholstering an entire suite of outdoor furniture.

An outdoor fabric slipcover removes easily for washing. An indoor chair, “shopped” from a consignment store locally, can be used in an outdoor covered patio. When the weather hits next fall, the chair simply comes back inside. For now, the inexpensive and fun slipcover carries us through the summer entertaining season. The bold pattern provides visual impact. Last season, this same space was all burlap and beige with masses of flowers in pots, here we simply traded fabric for flowers.

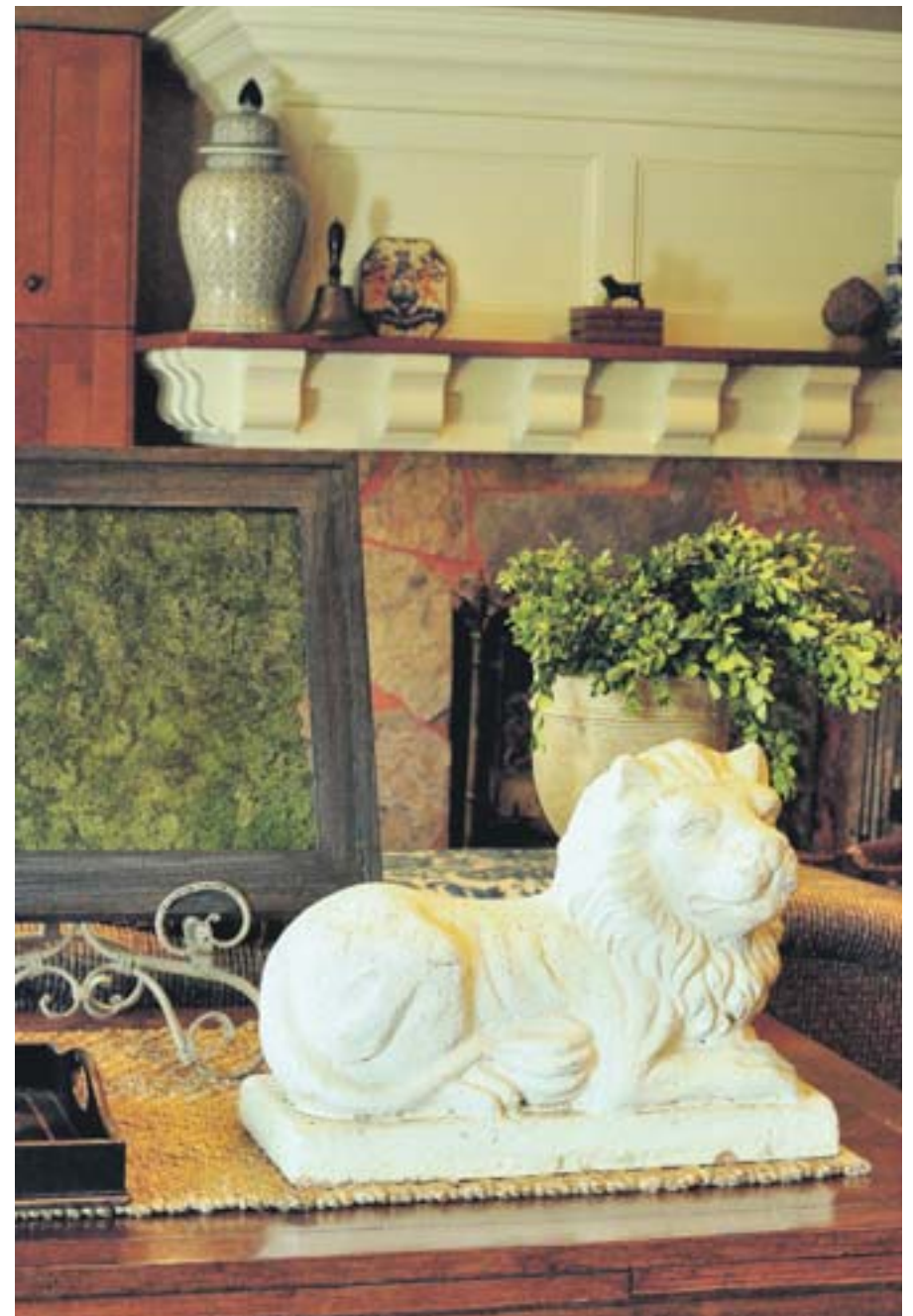
Cut and arrange dried flowers in pots. Have some fun. I literally went into



This outdoor fabric slipcover removes easily for washing, and when the weather hits next fall, the chair will come back inside.

the back yard and started cutting: flowers, herbs and sprigs. I made baskets and piles, hung them to dry and am using them in my summer table floral arrangements instead of purchasing annuals for my pots.

Whatever design element you choose, enjoy your summer and the great outdoors! Live a custom life.



Take advantage of the drought to introduce whimsy. This lion is not something we would look at and think: perfect! Yet, when placed in context, one outdoor instead of flowers and then a mate in the indoor/outdoor room on a coir entry mat (used instead of a table runner), the scheme works.

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