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# Livingetc

## DESIGN

in the details



## Counter culture

**OUTDOOR  
TRENDS TO  
GET SET FOR  
SUMMER**

- KITCHENS THAT BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER
- SURPRISING NEW WAYS WITH TILES

# The mood of the summer starts now

Outdoor furniture is finally getting the attention it deserves, marking a renewed focus on a relaxed way of living, entertaining and being



Erica sunlounger, price on request, Antonio Citterio for B&B Italia

Cut lounge, price on request, Stephan Veit for Potocco



Sierra outdoor fabric, price on request, Jiun Ho



Daybed in Patio outdoor fabric, £90m, Larsen

Summertime, and the living is... well, you know the rest. And ever since around 2021 the big design brands have been shifting focus towards finding ways to make our alfresco spaces easier, breezier and prettier. It has meant a big aesthetic change – and that gardens no longer have to be stuffed with teak and black rattan. For 2025, that quest has ramped up, as this preview of the very best new ideas shows. We're talking lightweight materials that can easily be shifted around as the sun moves and how you want to socialise might flex. We're seeing fabrics printed in bold summery motifs of blue skies or those chevron patterns we all had family picnic blankets in back in the day. And this is all because the dial of the next few months is going to be set to relaxed lounging, of turning whatever outdoor space we have into a haven that's just as inviting as our indoors.

'Within the newly extended Erica collection I tried to find all the solutions to the different typologies of use of outdoor furniture: from the terrace to the swimming pool to the garden,' says Antonio Citterio of his latest work for B&B Italia. This results in the option to finally be able to fully deck out our decks in ways we might tackle a living room – with plenty of style-forward options that are as comfortable as they are good-looking.

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Mentha chairs and Atomo table, prices on request, S-CAB