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Outside 'In'

From lighting to flooring and everything in between, kick back with our picks for the coolest goods in outdoor living.



Flower power

Sure, the bold colors and modern floral prints are fun, but the true power of these **Flower Plates** is rooted in their construction — of lightweight, practically indestructible melamine. Another plus: They're 11 inches wide, the ideal size for presenting whatever you're serving, with all the sides. In a variety of patterns; \$6.95; crateandbarrel.com or 800-967-6696.

Nights in white canvas

The **Loxley Bed**, designed by Phillippe Starck for Sutherland Furniture's RobinWood Deluxe Collection, is the picture of medieval romance — and elegant outdoor style. The soft landing pad (84 inches wide by 105 inches tall by 87 inches deep) is made of natural teak, with polished aluminum detailing and washable outdoor fabric choices. Available to the design trade; sutherlandfurniture.com or 800-717-8325.



Smart pavers

Belgard's Subterra permeable pavers are the newest thinking in environmental stewardship and style. They allow surface water to drain through each paver (made of concrete with polymeric sand), letting water get directly absorbed into the soil beneath. That keeps it from making its way into the streets, only to be mixed with motor oil and other toxins before hitting storm drains leading to recycling stations. Other pluses: The pavers' interlocking design allows them to stay stable in shifting soils; they're sustainable (lasting for up to 30 years) and slip-resistant. About \$4 per square foot (uninstalled); belgard.biz or 800-899-8455.