

## Sunroom style adds creativity and flare

MACEDONIA, Ohio, PRNewswire — Be imaginative when it comes to decorating your sunroom. This unique living space is different from any other in your house, and it deserves special treatment. Go beyond furnishings that give a part-time look. A sunroom's ambiance changes with the time of day and the season. Homeowners can use that to their decorating advantage with these special tips from Patio Enclosures, Inc., the nation's largest sunroom manufacturer.

**Create Moods With Vertical Blinds and Pleated Shades.** At night time pulled shades and a softly lit lamp create a cozy, candlelight effect. On a hot, sunny day blinds turn your room into a cool oasis while still providing the feeling of being outdoors. With window treatments, you can block out the neighbor's picnic on one side and still enjoy the view on the other. Vertical blinds and shades come in hundreds of colors, patterns, textures and styles. Consider new easy-care vinyl options which contain textures for the look of linen or heavy cotton. Consider leaving high windows bare for an open-air feeling.

**Select Indoor-Outdoor Materials.** Wrought iron, wicker and rattan are extremely popular among sunroom owners. These materials are perfect for the transition between indoor and outdoor. You can find beautiful furniture and accessories made of these

materials in traditional to contemporary styles. Also consider wooden Adirondack chairs with different cushions to match the seasons. Today's indoor-outdoor fabrics look like indoor upholstery but are stain fast, water resistant, fade-proof, and will last a lifetime in a sunroom.

**Add Cheer With Hanging and Potted Plants and Flowers.** Plant lovers can create a tropical oasis in their sunrooms for a mid-afternoon escape to their very own "rain forest." Hanging flowers and potted plants can create a winter garden in dreary months when we're craving springtime. Try flower boxes on the floor around the perimeter of the room. Or use multi-level plant stands. Plants are a great way to fill a room before you can furnish it completely.

**Don't Overlook The Floors.** Today we have many practical floor covering options for a beautiful indoor-outdoor look. Plastic green outdoor carpeting is out. Slate, ceramic tiles with patterned borders, natural weave mattes and sturdy Berber carpeting are practical and attractive options. A word of advice, stay away from light colored grout on tiled floors. It is difficult to keep clean in high traffic rooms. Patterned flooring with slight speckles will hide dirt better than solids.

**Create Atmosphere!** Hang framed stained glass to add color and beauty. It's also a great way to hide less



**SUNNY VIEWS:** Sunlight and a feeling of openness are making sunrooms more popular. With imagination they can be decorated in a variety of exciting ways.

attractive outdoor views while still letting in light. Light candles at night. The reflection off the glass is mesmerizing! Use white Christmas lights around the ceiling for a romantic look.

**Decorate The Yard, Too.** Lanterns dangling around your sunroom will make the yard glow. Bamboo citronella torches create mood. Bird baths and

flower gardens, designed for sunroom viewing, also add to enjoyment. Sunroom owners are invited to submit photos of their sunroom ideas to Patio Enclosures, Inc., P.O. Box 186, Macedonia, Ohio 44056. For a free booklet on sunroom types and how to select a sunroom contractor, write to the address above or call 800-480-1966.



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