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The best patio chairs to buy this summer, according to design experts



Summer is here, which means we're about to spend a whole lot more time on our patios. And unlike a decade ago, [outdoor furniture](#) today is getting just as much attention as their interior counterparts, as they are truly an extension of the home — albeit an al fresco one.

As such, design experts like [Sarah Mandell](#) of [Aspen & Ivy](#) in Barrie, Ontario, Canada recommend decorating your outdoor areas just as you would your interior spaces — with a thoughtful eye and keeping balance in mind. “You want to mix materials and colors to keep it interesting, and make sure it doesn't look like you bought all the pieces in a set,” she advises. “So, if the lounge seating is rattan, then I will pick teak or metal for the dining chairs. The key is keeping the styles complementary. An easy way to accomplish this is to match the shapes — a rounded lounge chair should be matched with a rounded dining chair. Or, a square-armed lounge chair should be matched with a square-armed dining chair.”

Arhaus Canyon Outdoor Teak Swivel Lounge Chair

~~\$3,819~~ \$2,579 at [Arhaus](#)



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Arhaus

A splurge for sure, this Arhaus chair is simply stunning. "I love that these chairs swivel and the frame can accommodate a drink and small plate of snacks," says [Kristin Bartone](#) of [Bartone Interiors](#) in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. "The cushions are luxurious and easily removed for thunderstorms and pollen season. Teak is a beautiful, soft, natural material that brings warmth to your outdoor living space." Customizable with more than 80 cushion fabric choices, the low-profile chair also comes in a [non-swivel \(slightly cheaper\) version](#), and it can coordinate with the brand's [outdoor sofa](#).

Serena & Lily Outdoor Hanging Chair

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Serena & Lily Outdoor Hanging Chair

Serena and Lily

A cult-favorite piece, Serena & Lily's interior hanging chair now comes in weatherproof outdoor materials, meaning you can bring the chair's easy-breezy silhouette to your al fresco space. "I love furniture that moves," says Bartone. "A moveable seat allows you to sit for longer periods of time, enjoying conversation and good company. This swing from Serena & Lily can be hung from a tree or ceiling truss or comes with a freestanding frame. The simple weave is sturdy for easy maintenance and adding a pop of color with a pillow and blanket lets you style specifically for your space." Available in light wood and white, the chair [also comes in double-width size](#) and can be paired with a [Sunbrella cushion](#).

Patio rocking chairs

[Polywood Presidential Rocking Chair](#)

From \$229 at [Wayfair](#)



Polywood Presidential Rocking Chair

Wayfair

An old-school style with a new-school spin, this rocking chair is perfect for both front porches or back patios alike. "I love Polywood because they are such easy maintenance and made from recycled household plastics," said Bartone. "The seat is contoured for comfort, so even without a cushion you can sit and rock for hours." Available in 13 colors — from a classic white to a fun tangerine — the chair has raked in more than 1,000 positive Wayfair reviews and has a 4.8-star rating.