

## Backyard deck ideas – 10 sociable designs that are perfect for entertaining

These backyard deck ideas will have friends and family flocking to your garden during the summer

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Designing in the right backyard deck ideas can make the difference between an outdoor space that's just nice to look at, and one that becomes a real extension of your home when the weather is good.

To be able to host friends and family in your backyard can be such a joy, especially over the summer. And by incorporating just a few clever [decking ideas](#) when designing your backyard deck, you can really maximize its potential as an entertaining space.

Whether you're looking to host a BBQ, create a spot for laid-back summer evenings, room for alfresco dining or even to create a party space, we've rounded up some of our favorite deck ideas with a sociable twist to make sure your backyard is a haven for entertaining during the warmer months.

## 6. MAKE SURE YOU PRIORITIZE COMFORT



(Image credit: Divine Savages)

No matter the effort you put into the design of your outdoor space, if it isn't comfortable, nobody will stick around for long in it.

Cozy furniture is key, but you can also embellish it with extra soft furnishings to make your space even more welcoming. 'Select pillows and blankets constructed of fibers that can endure the elements,' suggests Kristin Bartone, of [Bartone Interiors](#). 'Pillow inserts with a polyester filling that are covered in indoor/outdoor fabric will keep your pillows from fading to a dull color or getting waterlogged.'

Also consider [outdoor rugs](#), which can make it more comfortable underfoot if you want to really relax on your backyard deck.

If you're short on garden storage space for cushions to put away (after all, they're not for leaving out in all weathers), then consider making a slight shift in how you approach using the space.