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STYLE ON THE OUTSIDE

* Make it inviting

Warming up the backyard takes more than just sun, and it's getting easier thanks to the number and quality of outdoor products on the market. From small purchases to big investments, here are a few ways to warm up the ambience of your outdoor space.

► **CHARLES PROWELL BELIEVES** an arbor that truly works is in sync with its surroundings. Handmade craftsmanship—in particular, high-quality mortise-and-tenon, half-lap, and wedge joinery—makes all the difference when comparing his studio's work to mass-manufactured products. Prices for the arbors range from \$675 to more than \$10,000 (www.prowellwoodworks.com).



Warm Welcome

◀ **A GARDEN GATE** creates a presence on each side of the fence, especially when it has a lot of character. Hand-forged wrought-iron gates can be had for as little as \$3800, but the manufacturer of this gate cautions that iron can become brittle due to its low corrosion resistance. Although wrought iron is available, Cross Custom Works (www.crosscustomworks.com) recommends considering a structural-grade cast-aluminum gate, like the one shown, for its high durability, low weight, and low-maintenance benefits. One more benefit? Aluminum gates are half the price of their iron counterparts.

AllWeather

► **OUTDOOR KITCHENS ARE** an increasingly popular backyard improvement. Year-round grilling, quick cleanup of the outdoor table, and the option of staying outdoors longer in nice weather are all big draws. In & Out Cabinetry (www.outdoorkitchencabinetry.com) will introduce four new colors to its all-weather cabinet lines this year: camel, moss, nutmeg, and pewter.

