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enjoy our patios and balconies. Why not take the time to give your outdoor real estate a little TLC? Maximizing your real-estate potential means using every square inch of your property, including your terrace. Give your space a facelift with easy do-it-yourself tips and stylish

furniture and accessory pieces.

Popoutz Bird Feeders from Design Within Reach (dwr.com)

## **Weatherproof Furnishings**

Outdoor furniture is key to creating cozy and comfortable outdoor living and dining areas. If your space is limited choose one approach that will have you best utilizing your terrace. There are many weatherproof fabrics and furnishings on the market to target your style. Woven resin pieces are the hottest commodities on the block that will have your space feeling like a hotel lounge. Pieces range from full seating arrangements to unique loungers and chairs. Look for sets that stack away for easy storing at the end of the season. Other boutique hotel-like pieces include the Philippe Starck molded polypropylene Bubble Club Sofa. These highly resistant pieces are engineered to withstand harsh weather conditions; even the side creases on the seats are designed to drain rain water.

## Calling all Birds

Weather you are a bird watcher or not, bringing some elements of nature to a concrete jungle is a real breath of fresh air. Modern bird feeders will bring colourful feathers and chirp to your patio.

#### Pots and Planters

Bring some green to your terrace with large pots and planters filled with lush topiaries. These modern objects are essential fillers and act as decorative pieces just as accessories would in your home. Complimenting your balcony with these trimmings helps elevate some green to your unit. Choose from real plants that require regular maintenance or go fake with ones that look great all year long.



Madison Planter from Urban Mode (urbanmode.com)



Stackable Tibet Set from Icon Home Design (iconhomedesign.com)

#### Get the Grass

Speaking of elevating green to your terrace, look out for a number of turf companies now catering to bringing manicured lawns to spaces and places you would never have even dreamed of. City living sometimes has us craving for that lush patch of green space and you can now have it right outside your sliding door! The faux turf is maintenance free and comes in a number of different lengths and blade styles, so how do you like your grass?



## **Shag your Floors**

Outdoor rugs are the hottest things to have hit the 'home and garden' living scene. Woven from polyurethane fibres these mats can withstand outdoor temperatures. Maintenance is simple and easy, just hose them down and they're like new again. These effortless design accents now come in a variety of patterns and bright colors to liven up your outdoor oasis. Under a bistro set, a lounger or a grouping of chairs, these shags will help cosy-up your al fresco space. For larger terraces group a few of these together to create one large rug!



Bird rug from Koko Trends (kokotrends.com)



Tuuci Razor Umbrella from Design Within Reach

(dwr.com)

#### Get Your Shade On

If your terrace is open to the elements be sure to shade yourself with a colourful umbrella. Sunshades are taking on new shapes and styles combined with fresh fabrics and patterns. These well-designed pieces have now brought the fun into functional.







Prince Aha Stool from Design Within Reach (dwr.com).

> Palmetto Honey All Weather Wicker Accent Tables from The Pottery Barn (potterybarn.com)



#### Stools and Sides

Accent tables and stools are practical objects for spaces small and large. They can double up as stands or seaters and are great for entertaining. Always keep a few extra of these handy and allow them to casually float around your space; they are versatile, stylish and make for some great showy pieces.