

Outdoor Garden

ALEX SMITH GARDEN DESIGN

Just beyond this home's outdoor living room, Alex Smith created an outdoor garden delineated by a gravel pathway edged in Cherokee stone, which contained plantings of boxwood globes, sarcococca, autumn ferns, sasanquas, and nandinas. "We created the central pattern out of ajuga and dwarf acorus groundcovers," says landscape designer Lacey Gibbons, "and filled a glazed urn with cut branches of deciduous holly to create a colorful focal point."



Outdoor Living Room

STEVE MCKENZIE, STEVE MCKENZIE'S

Steve McKenzie took advantage of the remarkable innovations in outdoor furniture and fabric design to create an outdoor retreat that could be used in every season. He chose the teal blue, green and natural wood tones from the surrounding garden and added splashes of orange and paprika to reflect the autumnal leaves. "I love the outdoor fabrics by Laurie Bell," he says. "They have the feel of cut velvet but function outdoors. I wanted the outdoor areas to be an extension of the beautiful interiors, to be comfortable and welcoming like the home itself."