



Are you finally ready to outfit your deck, patio, or outdoor space with new patio furniture this year? Maybe you want to turn part of your landscape in to an alfresco family room or dining area, or you're just trying to create a small nook in your garden to unwind after a long day. I am Melissa from NorthlineExpress and while I agree that getting back into nature and open air living is great, I know when choosing from all of the [outdoor furniture](#) options it can be overwhelming. If you follow the basic tips in this video you'll be on your way to an outdoor oasis that meets your every need!

Start first by putting some thought into the outdoor space that you are trying to create. Are you looking for a [dining](#) area or a peaceful area where you can curl up and get lost in a good book? Once you determine what you want to do with the area consider the size of the area that you are working with. You might want to have [seating](#) to accommodate a certain amount of people but without considering size you could end up with a hard to navigate, cluttered patio.

Patio furniture is designed to sit outside but that does not mean that it is designed to last outside. I'm sure you would rather spend your precious outdoor time enjoying your area rather than maintaining it. Pay attention to the material of the furniture that you are considering. Materials like [poly lumber](#), [cedar](#), teak, and all weather wickers are going to be the best materials to be able to withstand the elements and maintain their beautiful looks the longest without having to be painted, stained, or replaced every season. Remember the quality of the outdoor furniture is just as important as the furniture that adorns your living room. Not only will it be used frequently but it also will face wind, rain, and sun exposure.

[Shade](#) sources aren't often thought of as patio furniture but they are just as important for your outdoor area. If the area that you are outfitting is in direct sun you should consider adding a shade source like an [umbrella](#), [garden canopy](#), or [shade sail](#). Not only will this provide relief from the blistering sun while you're enjoying your patio it will also help protect your patio furniture from the sun as well. The sun can fade your cushions and warm certain furniture materials when exposed for long periods of time making it uncomfortable to sit in.

I hope that you have found this information helpful and consider these tips while you outfit your outdoor space. If you run into questions along the way give us a call at 866-667-8454. Here at NorthlineExpress, home of the "Buy and Try" satisfaction guarantee, we're always happy to help.