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Welcome mat

Outdoor living

Lowe's Bordeaux patio collection offers outdoor options

Now that spring has sprung, it's time to furnish our outdoor rooms, and happily for homeowners, there are more choices than ever before.

Lowe's Bordeaux patio collection, for example, features various tile-top tables (rectangular, square, balcony height, conversational); chairs (sling swivel rocker chair, dining, balcony height, cushioned conversational, chair with ottoman); and a 9-foot umbrella with a sturdy base. Prices start at \$249 for two deep cushioned chairs.

Table and chair frames are rust-resistant aluminum with a stylish matte black powder-coated finish for durability. Woven fabrics are coated for UV protection. Frames have a 10-year limited warranty.

For a store near you or to buy online, go to www.lowes.com.

Lighting

OTT-LITE expands its VisionSaver Plus line

OTT-LITE Technology, innovator of natural lighting systems, is expanding its VisionSaver Plus lighting line to accommodate consumer demand for natural lighting in designer styles that look great in any decor.

Now featuring elegant fabric and metal shades, rich finishes and sophisticated design, the lighting is scientifically formulated to help people read and see with clarity. Its low-heat, low-glare natural illumination also helps reduce eyestrain. The Collins table lamp, \$99, is shown here; it also comes as a floor lamp. Other OTT-LITE lamps retail for \$40 to \$400.

A review in Oprah magazine said, "Seeing is believing. Before you get your eyes examined again, consider trying a new reading lamp from OTT-LITE Technology."

For more information and a retailer near you, go to www.ottlite.com.

Bathrooms

Villeroy & Boch's Liaison sink adds drama

Bath design has been elevated to a new and artful level with Villeroy & Boch's Liaison

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sink.

Part sculpture, all function, this stunning wall-mounted sink is destined to add drama and impact to a luxury bath setting, particularly in a contemporary home.

The crescent-shaped tempered glass basin appears to float against the solid cube of porcelain, which smartly conceals the plumbing and eliminates the need for a complicated interior wall installation. It accepts a two-hole, wall-mounted tap fitting and outlet. Liaison is an ideal choice for residential, commercial or hospitality settings.

Learn more at www.villeroy-boch.com.

Gardening

Kurgo's Haul-n-Stow helps with spring clean-up

Face it, green thumbs. Springtime is all about cleaning out the beds, turning the soil and spreading the fertilizer. The path to horticultural nirvana may not be a painless one, but Kurgo Products' ingenious Haul-n-Stow bag, \$29.99, makes the grunt work a little easier.

Made of heavy-duty 600-denier nylon with a durable waterproof industrial rubber bottom, the product fits most user-unfriendly bags of topsoil, plant food, mulch or stones. It holds up to 70 pounds. Nine ergonomically positioned handles make it easy to carry, lift and pour even the most cumbersome contents. It unzips along the full length of the bag on two sides to offer easy access to the contents.

Other uses for the Haul-n-Stow include pouring salt in the summer, birdseed in the winter or storing bulk items year-round.

Find out more at www.Kurgo.com or call (877) 847-3868.

Furnishings

McLaughlin's opens 8,000-square-foot Hooker Furniture showroom

Martinsville, Va.-based Hooker Furniture has a second home in Michigan.

McLaughlin's of Southgate, 14405 Dix Road, opens SmartLiving ShowPlace, an 8,000-square-foot display offering the most comprehensive display of Hooker Furniture in Michigan.

"Hooker is a high-quality, well-styled line known for its exceptional values in many of the most sought-after home furnishings today, such as home entertainment centers, home office computer furniture, unique accent pieces, bedroom and Bradington-Young leather seating," says Don McLaughlin, vice president.

To celebrate the grand opening on April 10, McLaughlin's will hold a drawing for a mission-style plasma TV console, worth about \$1,200 and pictured here, as well as a leather club chair from Bradington-Young. No purchase is necessary. See store for details.

To accommodate the new display, McLaughlin's remodeled the north end of its store.

Questions? Call (734) 285-5454 or visit www.mclaughlins.com.



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