

Lamplight warms up outdoor decor

Question: This summer we want to reinvent our large property that backs onto a lake to accommodate more outdoor entertaining. A



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traditional setting with a modern edge is what we like. Any ideas are appreciated.

Answer: You are fortunate to have lots

of room to spread out and enjoy life under the sun and stars. After time spent hiking, boating, playing watersports or visiting local flea markets, it's wonderful to gather around and share the day's experiences. The choices in outdoor furniture styles today give you the opportunity to select seating and accessories that suit any lifestyle and budget. For

entertaining a group you require a conversation zone that is set up so that people are facing each other, comfortable and able to relax and chat.

Sectional seating is the most practical; you can configure it to suit the crowd and add on pieces to enlarge its scope. The contemporary look of the X8 Sectional seen here has a stainless-steel frame topped with natural teak. A fire is a welcome focal element year-round. Today's fire pits are sleek and clean, and larger models provide added table surface. The rectangular Avera Fire pit has a concrete housing and either a natural gas or propane burner.

Outdoor lighting will contribute to a cozy setting, just as it does inside. The Lady Jane floor lamp presents a stunning light show. It belongs to a collection

of Italian furniture featuring a lacquered surface decorated using a special engraving method invented by Serralunga to create the effect of light and shade. If you have a pathway leading to your entertainment area or are looking for a unique way to light up a section of the garden, the Bonheur is a showstopper. Also by Serralunga, Bonheur is made of impact-proof polyethylene and has a wide base for stability. Both lamps are electric and are fitted with LED bulbs. For outdoor installations it is always advisable to have a licensed electrician ensure that wires and plugs are properly situated and protected. Check out these and a wide range of outdoor products at www.ardoutdoor.com. They deliver throughout North America.

