

perfect patio.

Mood Earthy and inviting.

Inspiration Riviera chic in your own backyard. A Saint-Tropez outdoor cafe is the inspiration here – adapted to suit a suburban patio.

Pick a palette Ochre, orange and green happily mingle in this scene.

Other elements Birds, turf, stripes, metal. The stripes are reminiscent of a cafe umbrella, but here they become a clever screen. A picket fence gets a touch of European glamour with a lick of paint in a suitably earthy shade. Designer outdoor furniture in galvanised metal completes the upscale transformation of this patio.

MAKE Ribbon door curtain To make a similar curtain to ours, use synthetic floristry ribbon (try koch.com.au). **1.** Cut the ribbon strips to the same lengths. **2.** Glue or staple the top of each ribbon onto a strip of thin, lightweight wood, cut to the width of your door frame. **3.** Attach two eyelet hooks to each end of the top of the wood to hang on nails above the doorway. Voila! One cool curtain. **1**

Take it outside

ON FLOOR (from left) Synthetic turf, \$29.99 a metre, Bunnings. Cushion cover made from indoor cotton fabric in Collioure Cerdagne, \$125 a metre, Ici Et Là. Tolix galvanised outdoor Chaise stool, \$346, and chair, \$478, Thonet. Striped tumbler, \$16.95 for 4, and Sunny Life beach radio, \$39.95, David Jones. Newspaper as before. Late Night Brianna sneakers, \$39.95, Country Road.

ON STOOL Selection of books from Borders. San Pellegrino mineral water, \$3.59, Coles.

ON CHAIR Bird ornament, \$6, Spotlight. **ON WALL** Wooden picket fence, \$2 a picket, bird house, \$9, and door curtain, \$18.51, Bunnings.

PAINTS Wall in Mudlark, and picket fence in Shale, each from \$34 for 1 litre, Porter's Paints. Bird house in Vivid White, from \$25 for 1 litre, Taubmans.

even the fence can get a lick of style

tip

Don't think of an interior mood board just as a visual display. Remember texture too – from scraps of fabric or cord to interesting pins; even the background of the board can become part of the inspiring display.

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