

COZY PATIOS

Rise and shine

Welcome the morning in a sunny garden corner with comfy furnishings and tasty breakfast treats

Plant for serenity

"It's the first space the sun hits in the morning, so I love to have breakfast out here," Nancy Knupfer says of the intimate pocket garden in her Los Angeles backyard (far left). A colorful tile table and two chairs are nearly surrounded by ferns and other plants in a palette of greens and white. Nearby, a burbling fountain adds to the feeling of serenity. "I like sitting here and watching the sun come up," Knupfer says.

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Hang a swing

A few changes were all that was needed to convert Nancy Knupfer's covered front porch from a rarely used space to the frequented retreat pictured at top left. New slate flooring, a thin veil of papyrus in front for privacy, and potted bamboo and ferns for a cool green fringe surround an old-fashioned porch swing.

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