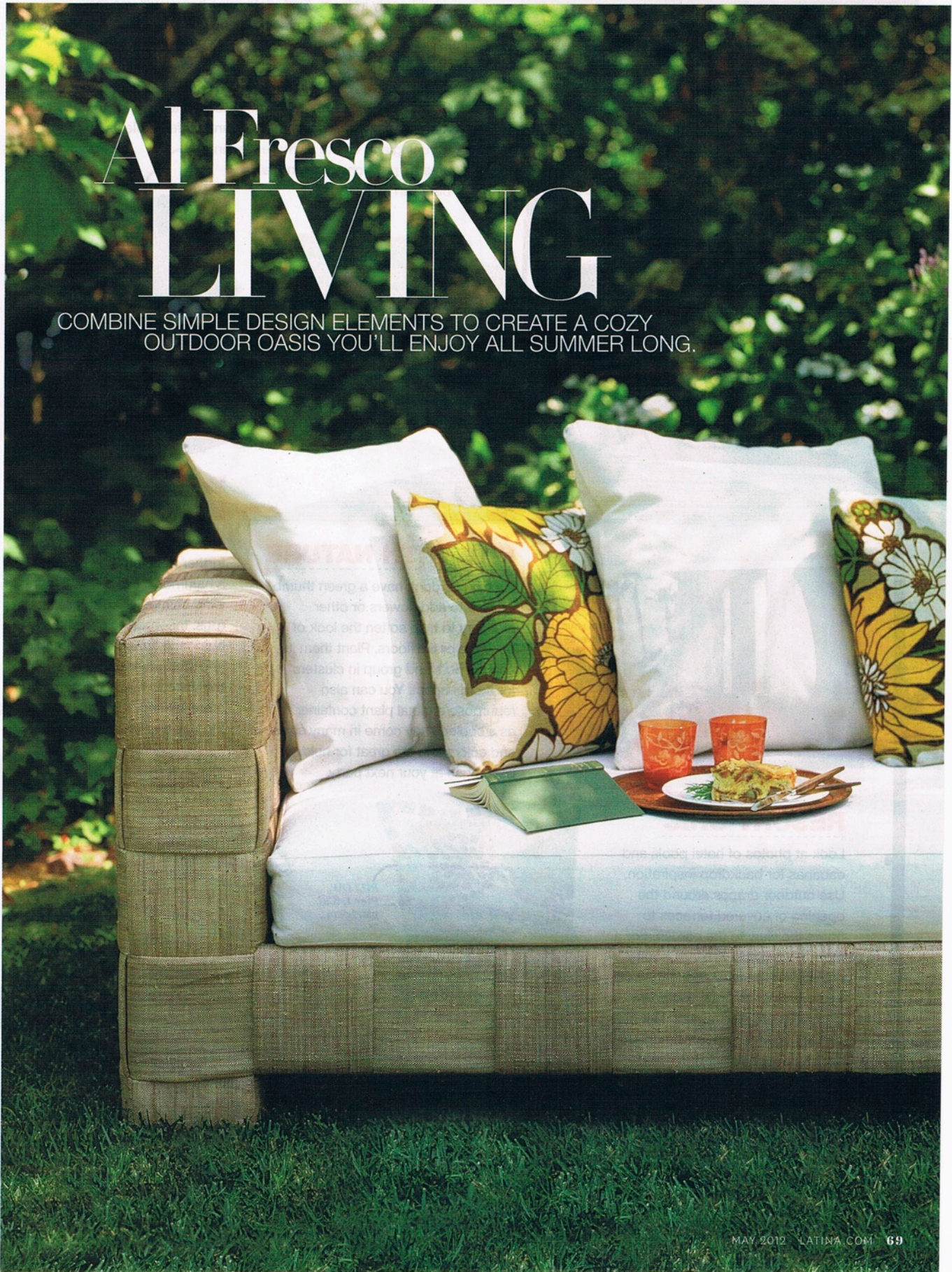


## Al Fresco LIVING

COMBINE SIMPLE DESIGN ELEMENTS TO CREATE A COZY  
OUTDOOR OASIS YOU'LL ENJOY ALL SUMMER LONG.





Make an outdoor space pop with bright pillows in fun patterns.

## A RELAXING RETREAT

Whether you're tackling a backyard, terrace or balcony, decorate an open-air space by following the same design principles you would apply indoors. First, determine how you'll use the space—do you want a place to hang out? Eat? Both? Next, invest in furniture that fits your needs. You'll find different styles and finishes—wicker, wrought iron, teak wood—in department stores, wholesale clubs, even high-end furniture stores. Get more bang for your buck by separating the pieces of a patio set to decorate more than one area. Use the sofa and coffee table as one grouping and create a smaller seating area by positioning an end table between two chairs.

GET MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK BY PURCHASING A PATIO SET AND SEPARATING SOME OF THE PIECES TO DECORATE MORE THAN ONE AREA.

LANTERNS, IKEA, \$4 each, [ikea-usa.com](http://ikea-usa.com)



## WARM AND INVITING

Appeal to all the senses by further defining the space with a hammock, fire pit, wall fountain, wind chimes or outdoor area rugs. Incorporate oversized hurricane lanterns with candles, and string twinkle lights around the trees to make the setting more inviting. It'll look great during the day and at night, too.

## ONE WITH NATURE

Even if you don't have a green thumb, it's nice to add flowers or other greenery to help soften the look of concrete or tile floors. Plant them in colorful pots and group in clusters for more impact. You can also repurpose a metal plant container as a cooler. They come in many sizes and colors and are great for holding beverages at your next party.



Draw design ideas from your favorite hotel.

## RESORT CHIC

Look at photos of hotel pools and cabanas for backdrop inspiration. Use outdoor drapes around the opening of covered terraces to frame the view to the garden. For a more exotic look, hang mosquito netting as a canopy above the sofa and create a romantic enclosure. Umbrellas are also a must. Not only do they provide shade when placed next to loungers, but they also reflect a resort vibe. You can give the area a pop of color by adding decorative water-resistant pillows and fabrics throughout.

UMBRELLA WITH BASE, *Crate & Barrel*, \$869, [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)



PILLOW, *Pier 1*, \$20, [pier1.com](http://pier1.com)



CHAISE, *Target*, \$299, [target.com](http://target.com)

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