

Out ON THE Porch

Made for relaxing

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Welcome Home

This comfortable porch setting, complete with wooden rocker, is reminiscent of a 19th-century setting where you might spend the summer months trying to catch a cool breeze. But more than just an outdoor room, the porch, usually located in front, facing the world, defines the character of the house. The location of the porch also serves as an entrance, the perfect place to welcome visitors or exchange greetings with friends and neighbors.

Outdoor Living

Al fresco dining couldn't be more pleasant than when seated on this curved porch overlooking the water. The azure ceiling may do more than evoke fair skies. According to Megan Fuwelle, author of *Relaxing on the Porch* (Friedman/Fairfax, 2000), folklore has it that a porch ceiling painted robin's-egg blue "aloes away pesky bugs and soothes the people who gather below."

Rustic Reverie

This screened-in side porch enhances a rustic log home in the Adirondacks near Lake Placid, New York. Because the relatively remote area is heavily wooded, there is a delightful sense of the outdoors within the porch confines. Screened porches allow you to enjoy the best of outdoor living without pesky flying insects. The rough-hewn log furnishings and simple yet colorful rag rug add to the casual, backwoods atmosphere.

