

The Barclay Butera Outdoor Collection for CASTELLE

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hy do you think the outdoor room has become so important in interior design? Well you know, I have always considered outdoor spaces to be the "fifth room." People are living in a more casual and relaxed way. Most of my clients want the same glamorous comfort in their outdoor spaces as they do when they're relaxing in their own homes. Porches, patios, decks and grand outdoor spaces alike are being treated as actual living areas rather than just an afterthought.

How have innovations in outdoor furnishings and fabrics changed the way these spaces are designed?

That's a trick question and quite timely. With today's spectacularly beautiful outdoor fabrics, clients are no longer limited to what's in stock.

I'm thrilled when I can use one of my Kravet fabrics for outdoor to create a sophisticated living environment. There are so many materials now being used for outdoor that are virtually indestructible. So rather than being exclusively summer spaces, many times these rooms become three- to four-season living areas.

What are some of the biggest trends you're seeing emerging in outdoor design right now?

The most exciting thing I'm seeing is explosive use of color and pattern in outdoor. And heavy on the details please. I love that my furniture is able to have intricate shapes and tactile treatments.

What drew you to Castelle as a partner in designing your first outdoor collection, Barclay Butera Outdoor Collection for Castelle?

I wanted to design a modern way to truly bring together an indoor-to-outdoor design aesthetic successfully. In keeping with my Southern Californian roots, Castelle allows me to combine my two favorite things, high design and luxurious outdoor living. As with indoor, my line of outdoor furnishings will be both elegant and approachable at the same time. Creating this spectacular collection of outdoor furniture with Castelle has been a fantastic experience.

DESIGNING FOR THE FIFTH ROOM

TO BARCLAY BUTERA, IT HAS NEVER BEEN AN AFTERTHOUGHT

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What was your inspiration in designing this collection?

I wanted to come out of the gate with my signature blue and white that I am so well-known for and clients request over and over. My collection has a little old Hollywood glam vibe mixed with my all-American aesthetic, those are always constant inspirations for me.

How does this collection reflect your distinctive point of view?

Well, if I was asked to design an outdoor space for a client at this minute, this is the collection I would picture in my mind as perfect. It doesn't get more quintessential Butera than that!



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DEFINING THE FUTURE OF OUTDOOR

"When first approaching the design process, I was inspired by a geometric ceiling carving. I had incorporated this pattern into carpets, wallpapers and now the fretwork for outdoor furniture. I think it translates beautifully. This design is so versatile it will work in a Central Park penthouse, as well as a chic beach home on Newport Harbor and everywhere in between."

—Barclay Butera, Designer



Each piece in the Barclay Butera Outdoor Collection for Castelle embodies the goal of delivering highly customized, heirloom-quality furniture. With Castelle's custom capabilities, they are able to execute Barclay Butera's original design concepts and incorporate a vision of luxury for which both brands are known. The skilled artisans in the Castelle manufacturing facility are constantly giving form to original ideas, whether creating patterns or individual components, to be cast or hand-wrought in classical or contemporary styles. The final look of the intricate original design by Barclay for the Outdoor Collection for Castelle is further proof of this level of skill in the execution of the designer's vision.

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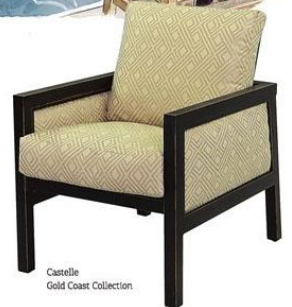
In the old days, outdoor rooms were less "rooms" and more often a few lawn chairs and maybe a small dining set dropped in the backyard without a lot of thought.

Today's homeowners want to bring the same style and comfort they enjoy inside to their outdoor spaces. That means luxurious furnishings with weather-proof upholstery and supple performance fabrics in indoor-style textures like chenille, bouclé and jacquard. Today, outdoor rugs and throws are just as soft and colorful as their indoor counterparts, yet durable enough to withstand the elements. Lamps and light fixtures defy the constraints of outdoor conditions. Fully appointed outdoor kitchens make alfresco entertaining a breeze. And outdoor theaters and spas are growing more and more popular.

The trick with these rooms is in the transition. Blending indoor and outdoor looks for a seamless experience means careful attention to cohesion, while still maintaining the sense of fun and ease expected in an outside space. □

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Castelle Gold Coast Collection

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