



# Sun Spots

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There's something about light and Mother Nature that makes us naturally want to bring them both into our homes. The trend toward "outdoor rooms" is one in which we are moving our living spaces outside, right down to the kitchen appliances and our fireplace!

For this issue, the designers we spoke with regarding current decorating trends (especially for the summer) kept using the same terms: open, simple, higher ceilings, glass, less wall space, curves, deep and strong colors, texture and BIG IMPACT. Every one of those attributes can be found in the modern sunroom.

Depending on your style, your sunroom can be almost a patio, replete with lush plants, glass walls and a riot of bright patterns and colors. At the other end of the spectrum, it can be almost a living room with comfortable sun splashed furniture that beckons you to relax and ponder your surroundings. Or, it can be something in the middle, a transition from home to out of doors, a place to pause for a cold drink or over brunch before moving on with your day.

As we move more and more toward the outdoors, our "sun spots" are getting a lot more use. In some part of the country, they used to be called three-season or "Florida Rooms," but better construction, modern materials and design, of course, have turned these spaces into an extra family room year 'round.

On the facing page, note the near absence of a wall and a clear sightline to the outdoors. The floor is custom designed of Marmoleum, an all-natural linoleum from Forbo. Despite all that's going on here, note how the floor draws you into the room and focuses your attention briefly before the angles and colors lead your eye in any number of directions. Rugged but stylish is woven vinyl tile, above, from Design Materials, Inc. Note how the weave works with the roll-up, bamboo-style shades. At right from Dal-Tile comes an intriguing look in tile, starting with a bordered, diamond-set floor in a large pattern of Tajah tile and smaller tiles and complementary border on the wall. How does the space feel to you? Like a greenhouse, patio, spa room? 🌿

