

Country Home June 2007 Issue Highlights

EASY OUTDOOR DECORATING

HOW-TO: MAKE FLOWERS FROM PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS – Page 30

Who would have guessed that you can make colorful peony-like flowers from throw-away plastic shopping bags? Eco-expert Danny Seo shows you how. Set the blooms in interesting antique teacups and line them up on a window seal to be green and beautiful.

HANDS-ON: PAINT WICKER WITH FRESH SUMMER STYLE – Page 32

Wicker comes in all shapes and sizes. We love the classic, clean lines that are easy to update with paint, subtle patterns and new cushions. Learn how to give an old wicker set country club status with an argyle pattern, turn two wicker plant stands into a desk, create a family favorite checkboard table and more.

COOL JUNK: MAKE A FOUNTAIN OUT OF ALMOST ANYTHING – Page 46

Sue Whitney and Ki Nassauer of JunkMarket take a jaunt outside to create babbling fountains out of rescued junk. Salvaged finds – from garden tables, bird cages and corbels – can be turned into fountains with Ki and Sue's easy-to-follow steps.

SHOPGIRL'S SUMMER TO-DO LIST AND ALL THE NECESSARY TOOLS – Page 55

Our resident 'Do-It-Herself Home Care and Repair Expert' shares the must-have tools for prepping your home and yard for summer fun. Install Moen's Outdoor Sill Single-Hole Faucet to have hot water outside, prep your deck with Dekswood Deck Cleaner and Brightener or install Imagine Tile's indoor/outdoor ceramic tiles on a patio or porch – they have the look of real grass or rattan.

10 WAYS TO SAY SUMMER – Page 78

Give your home the look of summer with the fun accessories on our list. Lemonade jugs, hammocks for two, blue and white pillow ticking and more are a quick, easy way to invoke the kick-back, lazy-day summer feeling in your home.

SUMMER FRUITS WITH SUGAR & SPICE – Page 102

There are few pleasures tastier than a bowlful of juicy summer fruits. Delicious on their own, a bit of butter, sugar, and just the right combination of spices can make them even more memorable. Here are eight great pick-of-the-season desserts ripe for summer entertaining.

WHAT KIND OF BARBEQUE IS RIGHT FOR YOU? – 112

Not all barbecues are created equal. *Country Home* Food and Entertaining Editor Lisa Holderness says, "When I feel like bring a grilling purist, I grab a bag of real hardwood charcoal and head to my charcoal grill. Other days, when I'm less motivated, I love the option of gas or electric." From the Mini Bucket Grill for food on the go, to the tailgater's ultimate charcoal baseball grill and the space-age Veranda Electric Grill, figure out what grill – or grills – you need to get your summer sizzle on.

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