

# Made in the Shade

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**A**t the Designer Showhouse of New Jersey in Englewood, Design Editor John Loecke converted a well-worn porch into a comfortable outdoor living room—the perfect place to kick back and relax with family and friends. Here's how to create a bit of porch paradise for yourself, perhaps for that East Hampton estate you've just purchased.

## START WITH A SUMMERY PALETTE

To brighten the ceiling and floor of this inherently shady spot, Loecke primarily relied on oranges and yellows tempered with soothing shades of green and brown. Painting the tongue-and-groove ceiling Citron (\$80 a gallon), a warm yellow hue from Farrow & Ball, helped make the semi-enclosed space feel more open, Loecke says. He created the dazzling stripe pattern on the floor using Farrow & Ball floor paint (\$80 per gallon) in Citron, Orangery, and Cooking Apple Green.

## ADD SOME PATTERN TO THE MIX

To create a sense of drama, Loecke fashioned curtains from Schumacher Soleil Indienne, an all-weather fabric with a bold floral print. Cushions made from Lulu DK Fruit Punch, a bold orange-and-yellow stripe; and Sea Cloth Boardwalk, in Ocean—a cheerful yellow-and-blue stripe—add to the friendly feeling of the space. Pillows crafted from Schumacher Chevron d'Eze in green and Aquitane in brown continue the look.

## FINISH WITH COMFORTABLE FURNISHINGS

For the porch's primary seating area, Loecke paired BarlowTyrie Sissinghurst seat (\$2,599), an all-weather teak bench, with Pier 1 Imports banana bark and rattan Shangri La armchairs (\$300 each, with cushions). Tuscan Hill's glass-and-iron Dedeo coffee table (\$2,199) and Oppio Tavolino small tables (\$829 each) provide display spaces for plants and candles. Milling Road woven-wicker Spot tables (\$602 each) double as stool-style seating. A Milling Road Plantation table (\$2,310), and Baker Tulip chairs (\$658 each) complete the casual look. [C]



Use pillows in a mix of colors and patterns to dress up a plain bench and give it some panache.