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- Design your own 3-season porch that is both functional and stylish. Your outdoor living space will be the envy of friends and neighbors. Let's look at some of the top trends we've found for designing your porch.



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1. Keep it Simple

- Remember, less is more. When it comes time to pick out your furniture and colors, stick with simple designs and bold colors. This year the simple clean look has taken hold and you can do it without being boring. Add bold colors and patterns that really express your personal style. Try to stick with colors that you already use in your home so that the transition from your indoor to outdoor space is seamless.

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2. Don't Forget Flooring

- To maintain a seamless transition from indoor to outdoor space, make sure your porch flooring matches what you have in your home. Whether you choose tile, concrete, vinyl, carpet or hardwood, you can tie your porch to the rest of the house so it doesn't feel like it's an "add-on". Here are some tips to help you decide which type of flooring is best for your home:
- Carpet – Carpet adds padding that insulates in the winter and stays cool in the summer. It's also very comfortable on bare feet. Watch out for spills, though. They can be hard to clean up.
- Hardwood – Adds elegance to any room. It's easy to clean and it keeps you cool in the summer. In the winter, it may be hard to heat, but that's not much of a problem here in Texas.
- Tile – Resilient material that will last. It helps regulate the temperature of the room. It may be difficult to keep it looking new so you must be diligent about maintenance.
- Concrete – Adds an industrial-contemporary feel. It will help keep the room cool in the summer, but it can be hard to heat in the winter.
- Laminate/Vinyl – Cheap and easy to install. It fades and wears out quickly, however. You may have to replace it much sooner than the others.

3. Media

- Most of us use our porches for entertaining. With that in mind, adding a flat screen tv, surround sound, and wifi will go a long way toward making your home enjoyable for yourself and your guests. Many media features no longer require opening a wall to install wiring. Wireless technology is making it easier to add media features without a lot of hassle.



4. Update Your Design With a New Door

- Sliding doors and French doors will let additional light into your home while making your porch feel more like part of the house. Bring the outside in while increasing your home's value and making your porch more inviting!



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5. Comfortable Furniture

- If your porch is protected from the elements, you don't have to use outdoor furniture. You can bring some of the comforts of the indoors to your 3-season room. Add an area rug and a comfortable couch. When you're considering options for the design of your outdoor living space, remember that you don't have to stick to the lawn and garden section of the store.

6. Climate Control

- A fireplace or heater can help make your outdoor space usable all winter. Add in a ceiling fan to help keep cool in the summer. Fireplaces and ceiling fans are useful and attractive features that can help give your room a finished feel.



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7. Lighting

- Along with a ceiling fan, you can add interest to your porch by installing light fixtures. Recessed lights and spotlights can help you highlight elements in your 3-season room. Casting light on your fireplace or other design elements can really make them pop.



8. Keep it Flexible

- Your porch doesn't have to be a sitting room. You can design it to be a dining room, playroom, lounge, or all of the above. In fact, designing your room so that it's divided into multiple spaces is a fashionable design trend. Add a dining table for dinners, a sofa and chairs for lounging, and even set aside a play area for the kids.



9. Stylish Protection from the Elements

- Enclosed porches can be a beautiful addition to your home if you do it the right way. Consider using newer products designed with the latest technology to give your home an updated feel. For example, if you want a custom style, shape, and/or color, WeatherMaster Porch Windows offered by Sunspace are collapsible and allow 75% ventilation when the weather is nice and easily close to protect your porch from damaging weather.



10. Utilize all of Your Space

- If you have an empty corner or lack luster wall, consider adding a little something to make better use of the space. We all need more storage from time to time so a bench with storage could make a lovely reading nook and elegant bookshelves can add interest to an otherwise boring wall.

Plan Your Own Dream Porch Today!

We hope this helped you find some ideas for your new indoor space. For more information, visit <http://www.sunspacetexas.com/> and you'll see how we can help you make the porch of your dreams.

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