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TODAY'S PATIO FURNITURE

There's a style for everyone

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We saw a vintage folding patio chair in a tag sale recently. Its woven web design and aluminum frame took us back to our youth, when we sat in the backyard watching the fireflies blink in the inky darkness of summer nights. The nylon webbing always left marks on the backs of our legs, part of the indelible imprint of carefree summers.

Today, patio furniture is less about nostalgia (unless you're a fan of the metal gliders) and more about luxury and comfort.

From teak to powder-coated metals to all-weather wicker, this stuff is meant to last. And no longer do modernists have to go without, as more manufacturers are offering contemporary designs. We've focused on a few choice pieces that show the range of patio furniture today.



The RobinWood Deluxe Collection

Philippe Starck has joined forces with David Sutherland in creating a Robin Hood-inspired collection of outdoor furniture. With names such as Marian, Tuck and Sherwood, the teak-and-polished-aluminum designs are a far cry

from anything you'd likely find at Nottingham castle. Instead, the 31-piece RobinWood Deluxe Collection features what you'd expect from a collaboration between design titans: well-crafted pieces with an unexpected sense of irreverence. To see more, go to www.sutherlandfurniture.com.

Kingsley-Bate tiburon chaise lounge

This elegant piece of mixed media is made of heavy-duty stainless steel and Indonesian teak.

Not recommended for those within 10 miles of an ocean. **\$990 at www.chaiseloungesandmore.com**; see www.kingsleybate.com for more information.

Lakeside Adirondack chair ottoman

The classic Adirondack style has been reinvented with antique white all-weather wicker made of flexible resin. The aluminum frame is powder-coated to resist rust.

The result is a vaguely modern style with all the comfort of the classic slatted chair. \$549 or \$578 as open stock, Crate and Barrel or www.crateandbarrel.com.