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The Great Outdoors

MIAMI DESIGNER BEA PILA CELEBRATES NEW ADVANCES IN OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS THAT BLUR THE LINES BETWEEN INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DÉCOR. BY CHARLYNE SCHAUB

"There aren't any demarcations anymore," says Bea Pila, whose current projects include a 25,000-square-foot home in Grand Cayman, a nursing facility in Delray Beach, a residence on Hibiscus Island, and an upcoming book for Hay House, Creating Sacred Spaces for Inspired Living. "One of the main things that has changed is the invention of materials like Sunbrella."

Pila often uses Sunbrella, an acrylic fabric that has "fade" resistance, color retention, water repellency, and the look and feel of indoor fabrics, for clients with pets and small children. A successful interior designer for 30 years, Pila has won several of the highest honors in her industry, including a Design Excellence Award from the American Society of Interior Designers, the prestigious international Andrew Martin award, and the Pinnacle award for furniture design. She has a furniture collection for Directional and Hide & Seek, a collection with her daughter, Gabriela Noelle, that they manufacturer themselves. B. Pila Design Studio, 2610 SW 28th Lane, Miami, 305-856-7916; bpiladesign.com OD

"These fire tables make gathering around a cozy fire an outdoor activity." The Laguna concrete fire table is made from heat-resistant concrete in weathered slate or sand. Restoration Hardware (\$1.745). 19575 Biscayne Blvd. Ste. 751, Aventura, 305-935-1253, restorationhardware.com

"An unexpected combination of luxury materials for outdoor spaces." The Player's Rocking Chair with a sling panel and Sunbrella cushion is cradled between acrylic panels, B. Pila Design Studio (\$5,999). 2610 SW 28th Lane. mi, 305-856-7916.

> "Color and whimsy take playfulness to the outdoor setting with polished good taste." The Madame 0 chair is tubular structural steel with epoxy lacquer finish, Roche Bobois (\$640). 450 Bittmore Way. Coral Gables, 305-444-1017; roche-bobois.com

'No longer are games like billiards and ping pong an indoor activity." James de Wulf's outdoor billiards table is made of cast concrete with Sunbrella black felt top, Restoration Hardware (\$14,995). 19575 Biscayne Blvd., Ste. 751, Aventura, 305-935-1253; restorationhardware.com

"The most original interpretation of outdoor rugs available." Shang, a Paola Lenti design, is made with a two-color rope braid that originates from an antique pattern, Luminaire (starts at \$7,640). 2331 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, 305-448-7367, luminaire.com