

Better Homes and Gardens Special Interest Publications.

Country Gardens

Collectibles
Vintage Vases
page 62

Spotlight on

Cottage Style

**Country
Porch
Makeover**

**Miniature
Hostas**
Tiny Jewels
for Shady
Spots

Summer 2010 Vol. 19, No. 3



\$4.99 U.S.

www.BHG.com Display until July 27

10 Secrets to a
Healthier Garden

BHG SIP Green Checkout

Garden-Fresh Outdoor Fabrics

Durable print fabrics showcasing natural motifs bring country style to outdoor living areas and stand up to any kind of weather.



Welcome Wildlife

Mariposa Sunbrella Outdoor in Opal
Calico Corners-Calico Home;
800/213-6366; calicocorners.com



Watergarden in Porcelain
Ralph Lauren Home;
888/475-7674;
ralphlaurenhome.com



#14271 in Turquoise
Duralee; 800/275-3872;
duralee.com



Skimmer in Lipstick
Kravet; 800/645-9068;
kravet.com





1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8

For the Love of Flowers

1. Sunflower in Key Lime from the Galbraith & Paul for Perennials collection Perennials; 888/322-4773; perennialsfabrics.com

2. Guadeloupe from the Bonaire collection Osborne & Little; 203/359-1500; osborneandlittle.com

3. Blooming Field in Apricot Robert Allen; 800/333-3777; robertallendesign.com

4. Seaside Lily Sun-N-Shade in Ocean Waverly; www.waverly.com

5. #14246 in Caribbean Duralee; 800/275-3872; duralee.com

6. Stinson Beach in Seagrass Robert Allen; 800/333-3777; robertallendesign.com

7. Croscill Outdoor Delphine in Cornflower Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores; 877/465-6266; joann.com

8. Linette Outdoor in Pompeii Calico Corners-Calico Home; 800/213-6366; calicocorners.com

Outdoor Fabric Care

Today's outdoor fabrics stand up to the elements for years—with minimal care. With their soft, luxurious feel and plenty of colors and patterns, they bring style and durability to indoor areas as well. Most outdoor fabrics are made from 100 percent acrylic or polyester, which is naturally soil- and stain-resistant. For the greatest durability, choose fabrics made from solution-dyed acrylic fibers; the yarn is permeated with color before the fabric is created so it



Focus on Foliage

1. Foliage in Morning Light
Pollack; 212/627-7766;
pollackassociates.com

2. Sunbrella Juan Blue Mist
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores; 877/465-6266;
joann.com

3. Sunbrella Willow in Seaweed
Stacy Garcia, Inc.; 845/426-0756;
stacygarcia.com

4. Whispering in Espresso
Kravet; 800/645-9068;
kravet.com

5. Whim Sun-N-Shade in Mist
Waverly; www.waverly.com

6. Bamboo Fields in Grass
Robert Allen; 800/333-3777;
robertallendesign.com

7. Spearmint Leaf in Dark Natural
Chella; 805/560-8400;
chellatextiles.com

8. Korling in Sunblue
Robert Allen; 800/333-3777;
robertallendesign.com

won't fade in the sun. Most outdoor fabrics can be spot-cleaned with a mild soap and warm water. The fabric won't mildew, but mildew can grow on dirt on the fabric—that's why regular cleaning is important. To prolong the fabric's life, remove cushions from direct sunlight and bring them indoors when they're not in use. Turn cushions regularly for even wear. If your cushions will be outside for long periods, choose fast-draining marine foam for extra durability. ■