

AFFORDABLE FINDS

Several features of this porch prove that good design doesn't have to be expensive:

• Make your own buffet. The 6-foot-long buffet was constructed on-site using two unfinished cabinets connected with closet shelving and a new top. Painting the unit white creates continuity among the parts.

• Find fabric bargains. The material for the buffet cover-up and for the trim on the sheer panels was purchased from a sale table at a discount store for \$2 per yard.

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 Search for cheap furniture. Careful shopping yielded deals on furnishings, including black wrought-iron chairs for \$40 each, wicker armchairs for \$60 each, and two nesting tables for less than \$100 total.

OUTDOOR FABRICS

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1. Vintage Scenes

Rustic Life from Waverly; 800/423-5881; www.waverly.com

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Ishi from Perennials Outdoor Fabrics;

888/322-4773; www .perennialsfabrics.com

3.Leaf Scrolls

Cabaret from Sunbrella; 336/221-2211;

www.sunbrella.com

4.Tropical Touch

Havana from Better

Homes and Gardens®

Home Decor Fabrics through Jo-Ann Stores, Inc.; 888/739-4120;

www.joann.com

5. Sheer Stripes

Sun Screen Cabana from Chella Textiles; 805/560-8400; www .chellatextiles.com

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Make sure chandeliers are installed where they are most needed. An ill-placed fixture invites head-bumping and illuminates nothing. Before the three chandeliers in this room were installed, primary furnishings were temporarily placed in their intended positions. The locations were then marked, and the furnishings removed before structural work on the ceiling began.