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TO OUTDOOR ROOMS**



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OUTDOOR-FURNITURE OPTIONS ARE BLOOMING. ARCHITECT **LEE LEDBETTER** AND DECORATOR **FAWN GALLI** COMPARE NOTES.

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Lee, thank you for letting us into your beautiful garden in New Orleans. Tell us about how you chose to furnish this outdoor room.

LEE LEDBETTER: There is a tradition in New Orleans of painted-iron furniture because of the climate. Wood disintegrates in our humidity, or it gets covered in algae. The iron just works here, and it speaks to the tradition.

FAWN GALLI: I love that your furniture looks contemporary. It's a great foil for the lush gardens around the house. *Does the midcentury architecture of your house, which is in a Victorian district, inform your outdoor design choices?*

LL: I have this vintage 1940s iron

The designers in the garden of Ledbetter's 1963 house in New Orleans.



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FAWN GALLI

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