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WHEN MARY MCDONALD WAS TASKED WITH CREATING HER VERY FIRST COLLECTION OF INDOOR/OUTDOOR FABRICS, THE DESIGNER FOUND A COUNTRYSIDE'S WORTH OF INSPIRATION RIGHT OUTSIDE HER WINDOW. TO SHOW IT OFF, SHE CREATED AN OUTDOOR OASIS WITH CLASSIC FURNITURE BY JANUS ET CIE. PRODUCED BY HUDSON MOORE. WRITTEN BY FIONA MCCARTHY. PHOTOGRAPHED BY MELANIE ACEVEDO.



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Her name might be synonymous with Los Angeles glamour, but when it came to designing her first collection of indoor/outdoor fabrics, Mary McDonald found inspiration on the opposite coast: Her home away from home in New York's Hudson Valley, where the landscape's lush hues create a scenic backdrop.

Versatile stripes and gingham checks shine in a verdant palette, which McDonald chose for the decoration of a backyard oasis in Greenwich, Connecticut, where she paired her collection with an elegant set of Quadrati outdoor pieces by Janus et Cie. "Green echoes the beauty of nature—it feels timeless," she says. She complemented the simpler motifs with an array of paint splashes, octagonal geometries and zippy Greek keys, all of which traverse "classical to whimsical, just like me," she laughs.

Thanks to the high-performance quality of the fabrics, the collection offers "the best of both worlds," says McDonald. And she's already dreaming up new schemes: "You can use my checks and stripes as easily in a bedroom as you can for the patio without sacrificing style. Not having to worry so much about the wear and tear of a fabric in a multiuse room is huge—you get the look of an interior textile but woven for resilience."

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NEW COLLECTION AT FSCHUMACHER.COM.



Clockwise from top left: Quadrati outdoor furniture from Janus et Cie (janusetcie.com) upholstered in Hampton Stripe Indoor/Outdoor fabric by Mary McDonald for Schumacher, fschumacher.com; the same stripe appears vertically and horizontally on curtains. Hampton Stripe on a pair of Janus et Cie chaises. A Janus et Cie chair in Picnic Indoor/Outdoor checked fabric props up a stack of pillows (fabrics and trims, from top: Air Mail Tape, Palette Indoor/Outdoor fabric, Zeus Tape, Portail Francais Indoor/Outdoor fabric, Bees Knees Indoor/Outdoor fabric, all by Mary McDonald for Schumacher). Previous page: The designer with her new collection.