

Patio Reset

A simple, budget-friendly checklist for a softer outdoor space.

1. Set the Budget

- ☐ Choose a realistic spending limit.
- ☐ Shop your home before buying anything.
- ☐ Prioritize the one change with the most impact.
- ☐ Save optional pieces for a later update.

3. Soften With Pillows

- ☐ Use two or three pillows, not a pile.
- ☐ Mix one solid, one texture, and one stripe.
- ☐ Keep colors warm, muted, and connected.
- ☐ Add a throw only for covered patios.

5. Add Greenery

- ☐ Use one larger plant to soften an empty corner.
- ☐ Match the plant to the patio sun level.
- ☐ Choose a simple neutral planter.
- ☐ Skip flowers if you want a quieter look.

2. Ground It With a Rug

- ☐ Sweep or clear the patio floor first.
- ☐ Measure the seating area before shopping.
- ☐ Choose an outdoor-rated, easy-clean rug.
- ☐ Place the front legs of seating on the rug.

4. Shift the Lighting

- ☐ Choose warm white outdoor lighting.
- ☐ Add one lantern, lamp, or string-light layer.
- ☐ Avoid one harsh light over the whole space.
- ☐ Test the lighting after sunset.

6. Make the Table Useful

- ☐ Clear the tabletop before styling it.
- ☐ Keep space for drinks, books, or snacks.
- ☐ Add one tray, lantern, or small plant.
- ☐ Stop before the surface feels crowded.

The 15-Minute Patio Reset

- ☐ Clear anything that does not belong outside.
- ☐ Straighten the seating and shake out the rug.
- ☐ Fluff the pillows and turn on the soft lighting.
- ☐ Water the greenery, clear the table, then sit down.

The goal is not a perfect patio. It is a place that makes slowing down easier.

