

from dawn
till dusk

by **NICHOLAS ROSACI**

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Lighting and plant materials courtesy of Lowes, accessories courtesy of Crate&Barrel.



Can you find the time to take a chance?" Lyrics sung with velvety smooth coo by the extraordinary force of nature that is Matt Dusk – a Canadian jazz vocalist with two certified gold albums: "Two Shots" and "Good News," and three No.1 radio hits.

Matt Dusk is a star with fearlessness as remarkable as his chops with a keen sense of what's hot and what transcends, maybe even exalts, his surroundings – not afraid to "take a chance" and live life in full swing.

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pays homage to '60s swinging glamour and, of course, Matt's larger-than-life voice and persona.

The overall soft neutral and terracotta colour scheme of the backyard was turned up with a chic colour story of cool aqua blue and a fiery orange-red palette that comfortably appeals to both men and women. Orange is urbane, current and complementary with the aqua blues of the pool and the perfect colour to draw sizzling '60s inspiration.

Sun-kissed and bold colours give a space personality, and let's face it – colour is fun. So drink it in, throw caution to the wind and create an outdoor space – whether it's a sprawling backyard or a small but sweet balcony – that's vibrant and truly sings. Matt actually went the extra mile and ordered extra seat-cushion covers for the sectional in aqua so that on a whim, he can remix the look in a variety of different ways.

One element of the space that really makes it stand head and shoulders above nearly any other is the addition of the most amazing Tiki bar, which Matt picked up on one of his worldly travels. We accented it with solar-powered hanging lanterns and gorgeous bar accessories from Crate&Barrel that come together to create the feeling that you're sitting under a tropical time machine that has transported you from the suburbs to a private haute hideaway.

The ideal space is one that is simple but refined in its details, well chosen in its accessories and accented with items that speak to the great outdoors and the occupant's own inherent personality. Whether lounging under the stars or just kicking back and listening to the seductive sounds of Matt Dusk while cocktailing over cards and chit-chat, the ultimate outdoor retreat is one that takes chances and inspires the creation of great memories.



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Nicholas is an award-winning Toronto designer and can be seen on Cityline as DIY Guy. Principal designer for Radiant Design Group, Nicholas has established a reputation for creating chic, confident and glamorous spaces that cross the divide of modern versus traditional. Nicholas believes every space should inspire you to live better, Greener and of course more fabulously!

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