

stunning front yard

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Create a warm entry Your guests have strolled through the front yard, and now it's time to greet them at the door. A small seating area close by is an instantly inviting sight—one that promises a relaxing visit.

A FRIENDLY TOUCH The patio in photo 6 has enough space to spread out. Without an area like this, though, you can still set a chair or two on the landing at the entry or find a flat spot out in the front yard. This gives visitors a quiet place to reflect or a chance for you to catch up before continuing on. Even if you never sit, it's an at-a-glance welcome, like in photo 7.

Although small, this destination is made more significant with a distinct color scheme: Red, black and chartreuse. From the daylilies (*Hemerocallis* spp. and hybrids) in the border and the patio chairs to the house numbers and the front door, red creates excitement, while black adds a modern, slightly formal feel. Turn the page to get other ideas for a welcoming entryway. >>

▼ A pair of matching containers frames the seating area and brings color close to the house. And since these combos are in tall urns, it only takes two to make an impact and look in scale with the chairs.

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SOOTHING SOUNDS

This bubbler adds the gentle sounds of trickling water without drowning out conversation. Positioning it on the patio means a power source is always close at hand. Even turned off, it's an important component to the color scheme.





Sweet potato vine

Tall sedum

Daylily

INSTANT CLASSIC Red, black and chartreuse are striking on their own or together. A red front door is bold and eye-catching. Black pots echo the trim and look crisp against a white backdrop. And there are many choices for chartreuse foliage or blooms, such as sweet potato vine (*Ipomoea batatas*) or 'Autumn Joy' tall sedum (*Sedum 'Herbstfreude'*), which reddens in late summer.