## **CREATE AN OUTDOOR LIVING AREA**

I do love to be outside, especially in this warm weather. Get up in the early morning, drink coffee, read a newspaper, eat a mouse or two. Of course, your ideal morning may be a little different than mine. I doubt you read the newspaper or drink coffee. Anyway, this would all be a whole lot less pleasant if I didn't have a nice place to sit and enjoy the rising sun. An outdoor living area, in my mind, is a fantastic extension to the home.

## FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



Create an outdoor living area to be enjoyed by the family.

So, your challenge is going to improve or create your families outdoor living area.

- 1. First, define a budget. If the budget is zero, that's perfectly fine. But the big question is, are you shopping for furniture or supplies or are you working with what is at hand? You may not need to spend a penny, but it's good to know options.
- 2. How might your family use the area? Sitting in the sun reading a book, sun bathing, eating meals?
- 3. What kind of furniture would best suit the family? What furniture do you currently have or can be repurposed?
- 4. Check with friends and relatives. Maybe they have old outdoor items that they want to get rid of or a broken item that you can take and easily repair.
- 5. Will you need shade for the hottest parts of the day?
- 6. Do you have power? Would the family appreciate outdoor movies at night?

Write down your resources.

Research items that you would like to buy that fit the budget, if you plan to purchase anything.

With your parent's oversight, create a little slice of heaven just outside your back door. And don't forget the mice, they are quite delicious this time of the year.

