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Rx for your dock

Doctor your dock: Turn a dowdy dock into a place to play, party or relax

By WENDI WINTERS

“What’s up dock?” It’s more than a pun—how for a casually rubber. Have you looked at your dock with a critical eye lately?

Is it weather-beaten, with exposed nails and hardware stained by pebbly seaweed? Is it unwelcoming for guests?

The classic dock is weathered and usually offers little to distinguish itself from its neighbors. Yet, many docks are surrounded by breathtaking water views. Homeowners lavish attention on beautifying their homes and landscaping. Not every lawn or what could be the most attractive part of their property. A dock is the perfect spot for a small cocktail party or for relaxing alone with a book.

Transforming a dock into a destination spot requires sprucing up and some rethinking of how you can best utilize the space.

When considering furniture for your dock, take care to select items that will withstand constant exposure to the sun, brackish water and heavy rain.

Fighting Architect, a busy portrait artist in Richmond, Va., has always



STYLING ON THE DOCK OF THE EAST Transforming a dock into a destination spot requires sprucing up and rethinking how best to utilize the space. The Hesse chair from Fighting Architect is designed to take up only 11 inches of precious real estate on the dock.

been interested in the outdoor design. Several years ago, Arthur was relaxing on a friend’s dock on the Rappahannock River in Virginia, when it hit him. “This is the best piece of property you’ve got,” he thought out.

He decided to invest the perfect dock furniture. “I took some working

classes and began thinking. I wanted to simplify the furniture as much as possible. Simple, low-maintenance and long-lasting,” he said.

What he came up with is a small collection of chairs and side tables. With its streamlined, nesting lines, the Hesse chair is designed to take up

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The site table offers even more functionality for dockside entertaining. In addition to the distinctive elegance of the piece, the table lends to its surroundings. Available through ChesapeakeDockSupply.com or call 410-291-0802.



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