

# Upcycled Outdoor Art Allure: Breathe New Life into Old Treasures for Your British Patio

You might have to break the bank if you want to revamp your patio and the garden at large. This is even more so if you are getting a new set of furniture. But there's an almost free way of restoring the lost glory of your patio.

You can make good use of some of the everyday items lying in your house by upcycling them into decorative elements. Keep reading to see creative upcycling art ideas that you can explore for your next [patio project](#).

## Stylish Water Fountain

There's almost no better way to induce relaxation than with a water fountain in your garden, and thankfully there's an inexpensive way to do it. All you need for your DIY tabletop water fountain is an 18" ceramic pot, a 12" pot, silicone sealant, a drill, industrial strength glue, a water pump with plastic tubing, moisture-resistant [decking](#) and decorative rocks.

## Turn an Old Tire into a Chic Planter

Those old tyres in your backyard can be turned into an elegant planter on your patio. All you need for this project is a tyre, spray paints, a rolling wood plant caddy, construction adhesive, and a plastic plant saucer.

Once you have your tools and materials, clean the old tyre thoroughly and spray half of it with a colour and the other section with a different colour. Then place a plastic saucer

at the base of the tire and apply construction adhesive on the edges. To make the tyre planter mobile, you can also get a rolling plant caddy from your nearest hardware store and attach it to the saucer base. Finally, add colourful flowers or plants to the tyre, and you have yourself a beautiful mobile tyre planter.







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## **Cinder Block Bench**

Do you know you can turn those concrete blocks lying in your garage into a beautiful seating option on your patio? You just need a couple of cinderblocks, construction adhesive, and wood plank.

Start the project by painting the cinder blocks with any colour of your choice and stack four of them in a row, with no space in between them. Apply construction adhesive on the edges of the blocks.

On top of the four stacked blocks, add two cinder blocks in a length-wise manner, and then place one cinder block on its back on top of the stack.

Do the same thing with another set of cinder blocks and place three wood planks through the holes in the blocks to form a bench.

Finally, accessorize the bench by [adding flowers](#) to the holes on top of both sides of the bench. You can add throw pillows to the bench to bring more beauty and warmth.

## **Tree Stump Planter**

That old tree stump in your backyard patio defacing your property can be repurposed into a stunning sculptural planter that grabs the attention of everyone around.

All you have to do is cut out a part of any tree stump and get rid of the bark with a chisel and hammer. The next step is to sand the stump to make the rough surface smooth.

You can screw in 3 or 4 iron bars to the bottom of the stump to serve as legs and add some beauty to it.

Once the legs are done, create a hollow opening in the centre of the stump where you can put your plants. Then apply wood

varnish to the stump and place it in any desired spot on your patio once it has dried.

## **Leaf Plates**

You can add more charm to your indoor or outdoor space with a DIY leaf bowl. For this project, you will need big leaves with pronounced veins such as Elephant Ears as well as sand, quick-drying cement, cooking spray, and plastic gloves.

Pour some sand into a wide bowl or box, put the leaf on the sand, and make sure the veins are imprinted on the sand. Then gently remove the leaf and place a garbage bag over the sand.

Mix about 4-6 cups of quick-drying [cement](#) and rub it all over the leaf after applying cooking spray. Leave the cement-covered leaf to dry for a day or two and you will have yourself a beautiful leaf-shaped plate.

## **Wicker Basket Planter**

Even though natural woven fibres and water are not exactly best friends, you can transform that wicker basket in your house into a gorgeous [planter](#).

To have a that won't leak or get damaged by moisture over time, spray the basket's interior and exterior section with a waterproofing spray.

Next, wrap the interior with a trash bag and glue it to the basket. Before you add your plant, place a plastic bowl in the basket, which makes the basket serve as an overpot or cachepot.

Once that is done, you can showcase your waterproof basket-style planter with pride.