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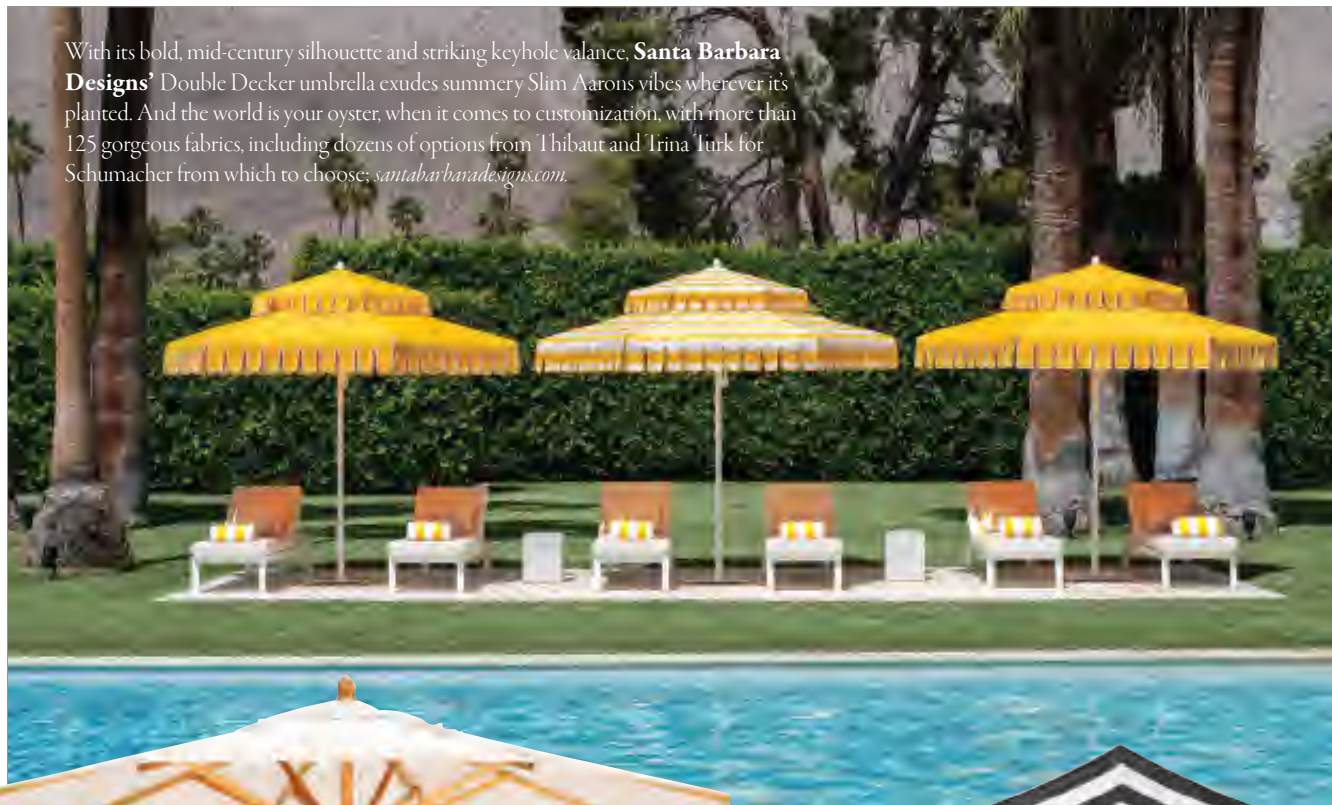
GARDENING

A Place in the Sun

When the sun burns bright and sweet summer shade is in short supply, a jaunty garden umbrella can be the perfect way to beat the heat and make a playful design statement.

Read on for eight of *HC&G's* favorite shade makers. | BY MONICA MICHAEL WILLIS

With its bold, mid-century silhouette and striking keyhole valance, **Santa Barbara Designs'** Double Decker umbrella exudes summery Slim Aarons vibes wherever it's planted. And the world is your oyster, when it comes to customization, with more than 125 gorgeous fabrics, including dozens of options from Thibaut and Trina Turk for Schumacher from which to choose; santabarbaradesigns.com.



Spanning nine feet, the Safari Umbrella from **Thayer's Hardware** in Bridgehampton is just the right size to place between two chaises. The rugged parasol has a laminated, kiln-dried eucalyptus frame, marine-grade stainless-steel fittings, and comes in a handful of Sunbrella fabrics; thayershardware.com.

Built to withstand the dog days of summer, **Neighbor's** good-looking, 10-foot-round Cast Umbrella (shown here in a crisp cabana stripe) includes Sunbrella fabric, an anodized aluminum frame, and the company's proprietary Flick Lift System, which ensures an effortless canopy reveal with a single upward motion—no crank, pulley, or rope required; hineighbor.com.

