

*Premade punches leave you free to do more mingling than mixing.*

# THE ART OF PORCHING

Let's be clear: There are no hard-and-fast rules when it comes to whiling away the day on a porch.\* Whether you're looking to **Decorate, Eat, Party,** or **Relax,** consider these loose guidelines—*polite suggestions*—for making the most of your patch of shade.

\**No porch? No problem! Most of these ideas apply to patios, decks, and plain old backyards.*

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*A crossword is the perfect lazy-day diversion.*

*A vintage deck ups the fun of card games.*



## make room

Because a swing  
only seats so many...



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## CUE THE TOE-TAPPIN' TUNES

Singer-songwriter  
Robert Earl Keen  
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Song") shares his  
go-to playlist.

"Big City"

Merle Haggard

"Gentle on my Mind"

John Hartford

"Soak up the Sun"

Sheryl Crow

"Summer Breeze"

Seals and Crofts

"Someday Soon"

Judy Collins

"Carey"

Joni Mitchell

"Streets of Bakersfield"

Dwight Yoakam  
and Buck Owens

"Poet Game"

Greg Brown

"Dust My Broom"

Freddie King

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