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Come May, the most used room in the house is actually outside your door. Carve out spots to lounge, eat, plant, and play.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ERIN KUNNEL, TREVOR TONDINO, JESSICA SAMPLE, THOMAS J. STORY

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Blake Mycoskie, founder of Toms shoes, and his conservationist wife, Heather, had a tipi built for their wedding. Later, they made it a permanent part of their backyard in California's Topanga Canyon, hiring landscape architect Nicholas Walker (campionwalker.com) to put it on a foundation. Then the team at Hammer and Spear (hammerandspear.com) outfitted the interior as a guest room and play space for the couple's son, Summit.

PLAY: BOHO ESCAPE

The truth is, you never outgrow a playhouse. But you do deserve an upgrade. Let this family's tricked-out tipi inspire your own backyard hangout spot. *By Joanna Linberg*