



A SOUTHERN NECESSITY

Louisiana native Amy Giffin says that in the South, porch swings are a necessity. With childhood memories of everyone piling on a swing to take family photos, she set out to create a special place in her own backyard where extended family and her many friends

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could hang out, relax and be together. When she saw her first bed swing at a friend's house, it was positioned beside the fireplace and there was a line of guests eager to try it out. She knew right away that a bed swing was exactly what she needed to bring her loved ones together and make new memories.

THE CUSTOMER

Amy Giffin

Location
Lafayette, LA

Her Swing
The Joshua
Barnwood finish

Textiles
Double Helix Espresso pillows
Textura Sand mattress cover

Amy Giffin lives in Lafayette, Louisiana with her husband Scott, son Christopher, daughter Meg and their dog Sassy Paws. Amy is a sales representative at a busy compounding pharmacy, and loves to cycle, cook and read. This busy mom and professional also enjoys having company so she was looking for a special place where she and her large extended family and many friends could relax. When she saw her first bed swing at a friend's house Amy knew right away she wanted one!

WHAT SHE WANTED

Amy and Scott love to entertain and watch football with friends, so they created a fantastic outdoor retreat in their backyard complete with outdoor television and fire pit. Scott had plans to build a pergola in their backyard oasis, and Amy wasted no time incorporating her swing into his design.

She describes her style as "rustic elegance" and wanted the swing design, finish and textiles to fit in with the rest of her home. She loves elegance, but the swing's textiles also had to stand up to kids, dogs, parties and humid Louisiana summers.

WHAT SHE CHOSE

Amy and Scott chose The Joshua design from photos on the Vintage Porch Swing website, then customized the design by adding height to the back and lowering the arms. Amy had an idea of what she wanted for textiles but looked to the VPS design team for help. She emailed the team photos of her home and backyard and a list of some of the fabrics she liked. They helped her choose a combination of mattress and accent pillow fabrics that would go well with her home's decor.

THE RESULTS

Amy really wanted her swing to be installed in time for an upcoming party so Mark and John at VPS expedited shipping and got it to her quickly. Amy says working with the VPS team was easy and fun. "They're such nice people. They felt like family right from the start," she said. Scott installed the swing himself with no trouble. Now Amy says she and her daughter do homework together in the swing, she curls up to read or the whole family piles in to watch football. She says it's a real conversation piece at parties and her guests can't wait to sit in it. "I love it. I'm so happy," Amy says. "If I had a big front porch, I'd get another one!"

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