



WRITER'S RETREAT

A work-at-home couple set out to create a work-free zone in their Mount Pleasant home that would also function as entertaining space and a sleeping porch for overnight guests. They wanted a pet-friendly swing bed that would visually anchor their porch

VINTAGE PORCH SWINGS

and give them a place to switch gears after work. They were surprised to discover that their swing bed not only visually anchored their space, it became the anchor for a whole new way of living.

Robin & William Howard

Location

Mount Pleasant, SC

Their Swing

The Joshua
Barnwood finish

Textiles

Mix & Match throw pillows
Textura Grey mattress cover

THE CUSTOMERS

Robin and William Howard believe in balance, but working at home often means there's no clear delineation between work time and play time. The Howards recently designed a home where they could work on one floor and live on the other. The first floor of their new home, the "living" floor, features a screened in porch with a fireplace, the perfect spot for a hanging bed swing.

WHAT THEY WANTED

The Howards wanted a dramatic focal point for their porch, but more importantly they wanted a swing bed that would be comfortable for reading, entertaining, hanging out, and could even accommodate an overnight guest if needed. They have two cats and a dog, so they wanted fabric that is easy to keep clean.

WHAT THEY CHOSE

Robin and William define their style as "eclectic coastal" and chose the Joshua in barnwood with a neutral gray mattress and bolsters. "Krista recommended a fabric with some texture, which is very pet-friendly" Robin says. Both enjoy reading to recharge and like that the Joshua's sides are high enough to prop plenty of pillows. "We love the design of the Joshua, and we love how the rustic finish and the ropes add a warm, organic feel to the porch. Whether it's one or both of us, the dog, the cats, a neighbor or a house guest, somebody is always in this swing."

THE RESULTS

"We knew we loved how the bed swing looked, but we had no idea it was going to be such a game-changer for the way we live," Robin says. "We have coffee together every morning in the swing, and by 5:00 we can't wait to get back in it!" Robin also says they rarely turn on the TV anymore. Instead, they grab their books or listen to music. "Words fail at describing how instantly relaxing our bed swing is," she says. "Plus, now we get in it and watch the sunset every night. It's become a calming ritual, and a little celebration of each and every day. Who knew a piece of furniture could have such a profound effect on our spirits?"

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