

Decked Out

Minimalist designer Piet Boon brings a dose of weathered sophistication for Restoration Hardware's latest outdoor line.

by Joe Harper



Designer Piet Boon in his Amsterdam studio with pieces from his Bonaire collection for RH.

PIET BOON is a self-proclaimed beach guy. The Dutch designer and architect, 61, who's known for a modern look in a neutral palette, flies down to the Caribbean whenever he can—either to work on his design of the soon-to-open Rosewood Half Moon Bay hotel in Antigua or to kitesurf. “When I began going to the Caribbean, I rented houses, and the outdoor furniture was always horrible—everything was plastic, or it wasn't comfortable,” says Boon, who then decided to create his own options. Since opening his studio in 1983, Boon has designed the Jane, a Michelin-starred restaurant in Antwerp, Belgium, and luxury residences like New York's 101 Wall Street. And his past life as a contractor has helped him bring a craftsman's eye to his thoroughly contemporary designs.

In 2003, Boon began designing villas on the Dutch island of Bonaire, and that's where his outdoor pieces caught the attention of Restoration Hardware CEO Gary Friedman. For his first collection with the brand, Boon designed many of the pieces—which are oversized with minimalist lines and plush cushioning—to be similar to the tables and seating he had made for the villas, but with weathered-teak finishes that are exclusive to the line. “I love the way RH treats its wood to age so beautifully,” says Boon. rh.com

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Night and Day

The Sunlounger sofa (\$5,570) by the Rockwell Group for Roche Bobois delivers a twist on the adjustable poolside chaise. Part of the Sunset collection, its powder-coated aluminum frame (available in blue, bronze, or white) has detachable back cushions to take it from a “leave mom alone” lounger to a “let's have a toast” sofa for outdoor gatherings. roche-bobois.com

