



**CATIO SPACES®**

Designing Spaces for Safe, Healthy & Happy Cats

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### Catio trend goes “wild” with unique designs to protect cats and wildlife

SEATTLE, Washington (June 22, 2018) -- For some cats, sun worshipping near a window is their idea of a purrfect party. For others, like Lord Purrival, Calliope, Max and Serena, they'd prefer taking a walk on the wild side to enjoy the wind in their whiskers.

Seattle-based entrepreneur Cynthia Chomos has found a way to satisfy the yearnings of active, adventure seeking cats with the desire to protect cats, birds, or other wildlife. The solution is definitely not an unsightly cage, she emphasizes.

Chomos, the founder-designer of **Catio Spaces®**, has been building outdoor enclosures to complement homes and satisfy cats since 2014. It started with a desire to keep Serena, her sun-loving tabby, healthy and happy in an enriching outdoor environment, yet safe from other animals, vehicles or various hazards.

What began with a personal need has evolved to creating award-winning catio designs for windows, patios, decks, gardens, and yards. As the home building and remodeling trends for outdoor pet spaces grows, Chomos reports rising demand for catios that reflect the personalities and passions of her clients. “Many cat parents especially like spaces large enough for humans and felines to interact,” she noted.

For Lord Purrival, the ultimate “game day lap cat” and his owner, an avid fan of the Seattle Seahawks football team, Chomos outfitted his outdoor “man cave” with floor-to-ceiling “Hawkitecture.” The décor includes a football field rug, seating, a football shaped cat toy, a catwalk with viewing perches adorned with NFL bobbleheads, and various other accessories bearing the Seahawks colors.



Another custom creation, recently completed on Vashon Island (known by some as “a little piece of rural paradise just west of Seattle”), is described as a **“colorful catio menagerie.”**

The expansive collection of four brightly painted catios is the new playground and favorite hangout for curious Calliope, sweet but shy Foxy, and energetic littermates Ghost and Emmett. For the property owner, the addition is “garden art that makes everyone smile.”

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When they're not cavorting along the 70 feet of catwalk tunnels, the four felines keep themselves entertained by lounging, chasing each other -- and bugs -- and bird-watching.

"I hadn't realized how much fun it would be to have a catio until I got one," exclaims cat parent Daphne. "There are tons of benefits from the aesthetics to the fact that I can watch my cats running around outside, knowing they are safe and can't get eaten by a coyote or hit by a car. Everyone can live in harmony. It's so fun."

Chomos said the design and construction of the catio menagerie involved 400 pieces of lumber, 17 rolls of wire mesh, 10 polycarbonate roof panels, 12 bags of cement, and over 4 gallons of paint.



Another Catio Spaces project was designed for Max, an active Bengal cat. True to his breed, the adventure-seeking cat needed space, stimulation and enrichment for his wellbeing. He now relishes movement and climbing in a natural setting with a [catwalk bridge and garden catio](#) with branches, shelves, and cat safe plants.

Chomos draws on her background as a feng shui designer and general contractor to craft both custom catios and her DIY (Do It Yourself) catio plans. The avid gardener enjoys joining Serena in their "[catnap catio](#)" where they can lounge together or watch birds from their backyard

haven. Connected by a 30 foot catwalk tunnel from her home, she says Serena - the beneficiary of four different "garden getaway" catios who also serves as her quality assurance expert - has 24/7 access to safely enjoy the outdoors.

Chomos is keenly aware of the impact of free-roaming pet cats and cat-caused bird fatalities. She works with animal welfare advocates and conservationists to promote responsible pet ownership.

Since inception, her company has donated 10 percent from the sale of her [DIY catio plans](#) (priced from \$39.95) to animal welfare organizations. Cat owners can build and decorate their own catio with Catio Spaces' Do-It-Yourself (DIY) plans, available in various sizes and styles. The downloadable DIY plans are designed for ease of assembly (or removal if relocating) and to complement a home's design and aesthetics. "Catios can be natural, painted, and decorated to complement each cat owner's home and personal style," Chomos noted.



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Each plan has easy-to-follow instructions and illustrations to eliminate the guesswork. Bonus information includes guidelines to acclimate a cat to a cat door and new space, plus tips for cat-safe plants, décor, and accessories to promote cavorting, exercise and enrichment.

She also offers an affiliate program that enables animal welfare groups to raise funds for their causes simply by spreading the word about the [benefits of catios](#) and DIY plans.

Another facet of her goal to keep cats safe, healthy and happy while enjoying the outdoors is her offer of [free catio tips](#), including ideal catio locations, cat door options, non-toxic plants, décor, and ways to provide cat enrichment.

“Catios are much more than a safe outdoor enclosure to solve the indoor/outdoor dilemma faced by many cat parents. They can be a source of stimulation and enrichment for our beloved cats to enjoy longer, healthier and happier lives,” stated Chomos.

Whether choosing a compact window-box catio or a larger, more elaborate custom structure, as Catio Spaces’ “[catimonials](#)” attest, there is no limit to the fun factor for those who want a catio to suit their style and feline’s fancy!

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Cynthia Chomos with Serena in their Catnap Catio

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