

## Resource: Dedon *Tour Du Monde* Collection



Looking to spruce up your patio or porch with some out-of-the-ordinary furnishings? Then, you'll want to check out [Dedon](#). This 20-year-old company specializes in outdoor furnishings - including accessories such as pillows and rugs. We love their hand-woven rattan "swing rests," worldly design, and, most of all, their [planning tool](#) - a customizable, interactive drawing board that allows you to drag and drop furniture pieces into a floor plan. No more guessing if you've ordered the right size pieces! The closest *Dedon* store is located in Chicago. But they ship!

## DREAM ABOUT IT: OUTDOOR LIVING

### New Products Bring the Outside In!



Most years (this one in particular) we long for summer, patiently waiting for the weather to turn, greenery to spring to life, and any excuse to get outside. That's why we love taking our design-build skills al-fresco. Whether it's a boat house, lake cottage, or urban backyard, we enjoy making the most of every outdoor space.

This year's *Green Dream Home* is no exception. Utilizing two new products, the [Phantom Retractable Screen](#) and [Marvin Bi-Fold Door](#), we seamlessly integrated the home's main level kitchen and living room with the screen porch and outdoor patio. Individually, these spaces are charming and perfectly sized for relaxation. When combined, with the opening of doors and screens, they become one large space for easy entertaining.



The custom bi-fold door (separating kitchen from screen porch) opens fully, stacking compactly to the side. The *Phantom* screen (which defines the porch from the patio - shown partially raised in photo on left), is retracted via remote control - allowing all spaces to become one (upper right photo). The NY Bluestone paving - used for flooring in both of the outdoor spaces - was designed flush with the main level's hardwood flooring. This feature visually enlarges the space while allowing guests to move effortlessly from inside to out.

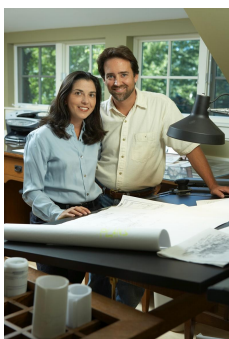
Southern manufacturers first introduced the bi-fold door and retractable screen technologies. As a builder, we had longed to use these products, but found the performance of a Southern-designed bi-fold door, for example, inadequate for cold climates like Minnesota. Everything changed, however, in 2010 when locally-owned *Marvin* went to work on this technology and introduced its bi-fold door.

DiGiacomo Homes is one of a handful of Minnesota builders currently using the *Marvin* bi-fold door. With nearly 2,000 visitors through the 2013 *Green Dream*

*Home*, we honestly can say that this product was loved by all for its ability to transform the main level and invite fresh air indoors. Welcoming summer in Minnesota just got a whole lot easier!

Visit our website to see more [outdoor photos](#) from the 2013 *Green Dream Home* or to peek at our award winning [urban cabin](#), [backyard retreat](#), and [open-air room](#) projects. [Contact us](#) when you are ready to remake your outdoor space!

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