

# Here Comes the

Sunrooms that fill summer days  
with splashes of light



# Sun...



**M**an has long worshiped the warm, life-giving rays of the sun. Ancient Egypt had its solar deity Ra, Norse mythology its sun goddess Sol, and Greece sacrificed to the sun god Helios, who reigned over the daytime sky. Even today, many still celebrate the sun's cycle with solstice celebrations. On a day-to-day basis, however, a sunroom is perhaps the perfect way to express your solar adoration.

*In many ways, a sunroom is the home's ultimate room for relaxing. Intimately connected to the outdoors, just a short amount of time in a quiet sunroom can make all of life's worries melt away. The pleasure of soaking in those golden rays, especially during the frigid days of a Maine winter, can recharge the soul.*

*So grab that new novel you've been dying to read or turn on some music and curl up like a cat at midday—because here comes the sun...*

When Linda Banks, founder of Banks Design Associates and owner of Falmouth's Simply Home, designed this sunroom (above) for her own house, she knew from the start it should feel like a year-round space. "I consciously stayed away from wicker," Banks says, "and worked to make it still feel summery all year."

Banks anchored the room to nature with a deep, chocolate-brown floor and a bright white ceiling. An acid green rug in the room's center calls to mind a grassy meadow. A two-tiered, rusted steel table from Paris is flanked by chairs covered in a twill Jardin print. The walls are painted a face-powder pink that changes, Banks says, with the day's light and gives a comfortingly soft glow no matter the weather. Her final nod to the sun comes with the four celestial prints hung high above the room's tall windows. It's a sunroom that feels both elegant and inviting.