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the glow
of gaslight

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LET'S STAY OUT HERE on the porch for a minute—and talk about outdoor lighting.

A guest's first impression of your home is created while standing at your front door. There are many choices of outdoor lighting to illuminate the front of your home, but none more timeless than the glow of gas lanterns.

Nothing is more elegant and no fixtures exude a greater sense of timeless beauty than the glow of simple brass carriage lanterns lighting your entrance. As Southern as painting your porch ceiling Virgin Mary blue, the locally crafted Bevolo lantern has not changed in design since 1945 and remains today as the gold standard of gas lanterns in this region. Made

from the finest copper, Bevolo's gas lights are hand-riveted and oxidized to give each lantern an antique, aged finish. Over time, they will oxidize to that gorgeous coveted patina of a rich bronze tone with tiny hints of green patina around the edges.

Gas lights can transform the look of your home, creating the ideal combination of beauty, energy sustainability and energy efficiency.

If you're building, there's no discussion. Run a gas line for your lanterns. If you don't have gas lanterns on the front of your house, call your plumber and ask about getting gas to your entry; it may be easier than you think. The most common mistake when buying outdoor fixtures is going too small. Remember, most people are viewing them from the street, 50 feet away.

Let the delicate flicker of a gas flame say "welcome home" and give your house an added element of charm and distinction. ❁