

## Bring back the drive-in feeling

Not all of us can afford a grand estate such as Bella Luce, but we can live well.

Here are ideas from CableOrganizer.com on setting up an outdoor theater:

**Video screen:** When it comes to setting up a budget-friendly outdoor movie screen, just about anything goes, including white bedsheets, blackout cloth (available at most fabric stores), canvas dropcloths, plywood, backer board or even a smooth white wall.

**Projector:** Dust off an old LCD or DLP projector and bring it outside. If you need to start from scratch, projectors can be purchased new for anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500. Or scour classified ads, garage sales and reputable online home theater forums for less-expensive used projectors.

**Speakers:** Old stereo speakers will do great for outdoor films.

**DVD player:** If you don't have an extra DVD player sitting around, a brand-new basic model can be had for less than \$50.

**Outdoor extension cord:** Outdoor power cords are safe in the weather and resistant to wear.

**Surge protector:** Use a simple surge-suppressing power strip, and make sure cords are covered so the fun isn't interrupted by a trip-and-fall accident.

**Rolling equipment cart:** Rolling carts save time and prevent lifting injuries.

**Light strands:** Create a soft glow that won't detract from the onscreen action by hanging a few strands of Christmas lights around your theater's perimeter.

