Porches and Awnings as Eruv

In general, porches and awnings on the outside of a house will not qualify as being part of the house for the *halachot* of carrying on *Shabbat* if there is no *eruv*. The porch or awning must be in the structure of a shape of a doorway (*tzurat ha'petach*): vertical poles and cross beams must be on TOP of the vertical poles in order to be considered a halachically enclosed area.

NOTE Since these are not intended to be a doorway, no *mezuza* is required on them.

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