

# BEST *of*

We take a look at what's hot in outdoor rooms

## COSY AND INTIMATE

This compact outdoor entertaining space is infused with warmth and comfort through the clever use of natural materials. Designers at Bayon Gardens have created a beautiful contemporary sitting area around the toasty ethanol fire, as well as an outdoor

cooking and dining space. The entire area is under cover to maximise its use. There's a curved, raised natural stone garden bed constructed from Otway stacked stone, and natural round bluestone doubles as seating. A cutleaf maple brings upright leafy architectural form to the space. Merbau

decking underfoot is soft and warm, and the screening is durable silvertip ash. A selection of plants including liriopse and bird of paradise bring an organic, leafy feel to the space. There is so much packed into this small area but it does not appear cluttered — a hallmark of good design. [bayongardens.com.au](http://bayongardens.com.au)



*We love*  
the organic goodness  
of earthy materials  
for a fresh  
modern look



*We love*  
a contemporary  
twist to a traditional  
candle holder

## GO WITH THE GLOW

Twilight is a magical time of day when anything can happen. Create a soft luminescent glow and just a hint of romance in your outdoor spaces with these contemporary candle holders. Whether you're planning an intimate evening or a gathering with friends and family,

these candles make a provocative design statement. They're available in long-lasting powder-coated aluminium in lava and white with a hard-wearing Iroko base. Combine them in groups of two, three or more to create an elegant modern arrangement along a pathway, on a tabletop or around a swimming pool. [coshliving.com.au](http://coshliving.com.au)

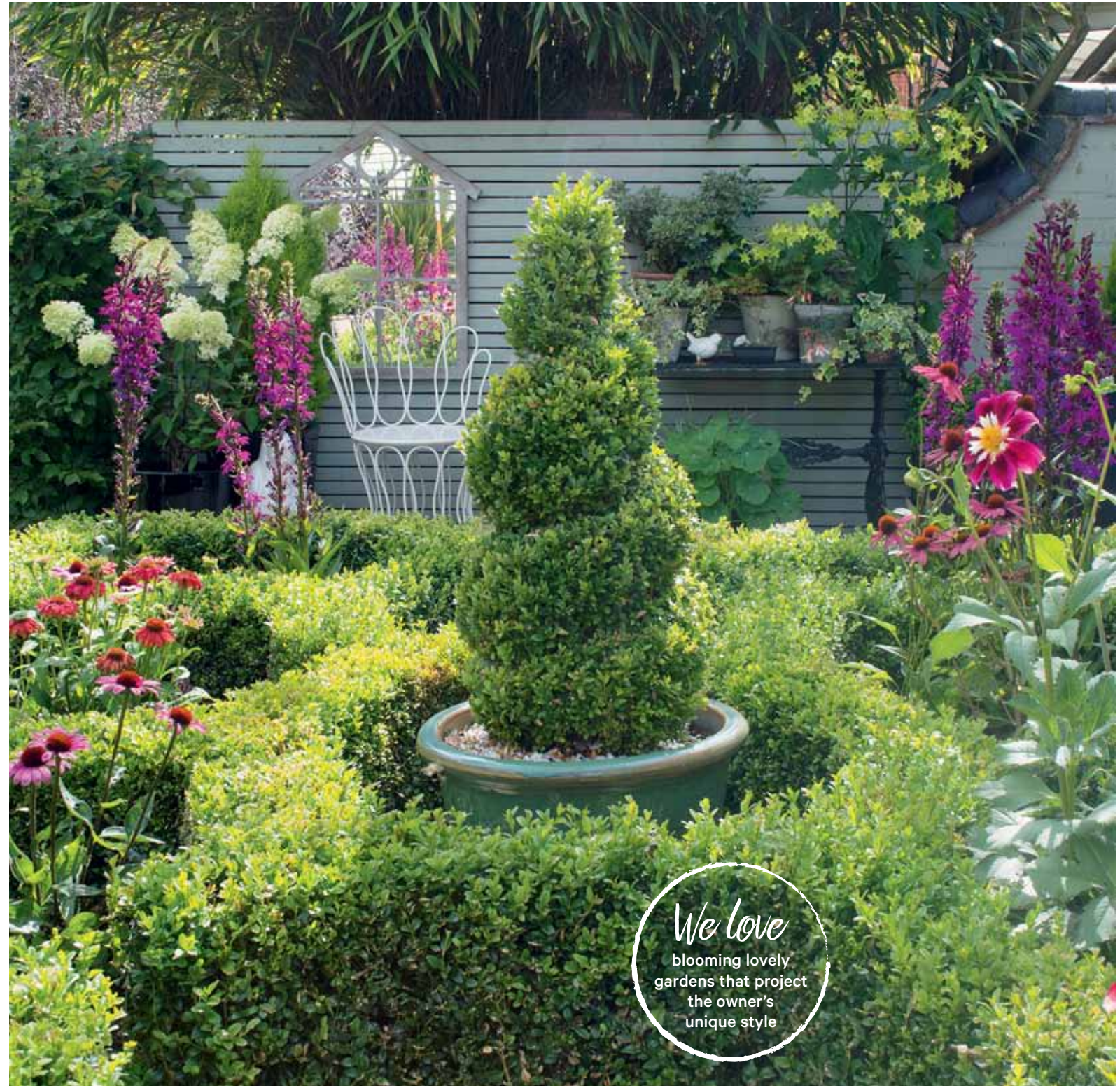
**FUNCTIONAL ART**

Keep winter chills at bay with this beautiful signature handcrafted fireplace. Parisian designer and craftsman Jean-Claude Bordelet has pushed the boundaries of modern engineering and ingenuity with this signature suspended fireplace.

The Eva 992 suspended fireplace will be the focal point of your outdoor space with its 360-degree viewing area. No matter where you sit, you can still enjoy the cosy ambience and stay snug despite how chilly it is. With a highly polished exterior, clean lines and gentle flowing curves, it is as dramatic and opulent as it is beautiful.

Its fluid design and polished metal exterior capture and reflect the light. This limited edition fireplace is the largest in the signature range and perfect for generous outdoor entertaining areas. [sculptfireplaces.com.au](http://sculptfireplaces.com.au)

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when function and form unite to create inspired art



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blooming lovely gardens that project the owner's unique style

**CHIC AND CHARMING**

Jacqui Brooks from Mia Fleur says life is too short to be a minimalist. And there certainly is a rich tapestry of colour and texture in her delightful cottage garden that is brimming with unique, pretty blooms and vintage decor. This

beautiful white-painted curved metal vintage seat is the perfect vantage point to sit and contemplate the lovely garden. The pretty mirror backdrop projects light, creates the illusion of more space, and reflects back the colours of the garden. The use of parterre box hedging is

inspired. Jacqui fills the beds in the parterre with tulips in the spring, and colourful bedding or herbaceous plants in the summer. In this image the echinacea, salvia and dahlias provide a rich fusion of muted colour. To the left of the white chair is *Hydrangea 'Annabelle'*. [miafleur.com](http://miafleur.com)



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artwork that is versatile enough to be the missing piece of your project

**LET'S NOT COMPLICATE THINGS**

Sounds simple, doesn't it? These pieces of inspired art by New Zealand designer Lisa Turley are part of her collection that has spanned the last decade. And she just keeps getting better and better. The artwork is constructed from

hard-wearing steel, with curved etched lettering that carries a heartfelt message. But it's not just the simple message telling the story — it's the simplicity of the design that has enduring appeal. The artwork is understated, elegant and will match virtually any decor. The neutral matt-black

finish will also complement a diverse range of outdoor colour palettes. It is made from 100 per cent recyclable high-grade steel and is resilient to the elements. If you're looking for that special something to finish off your outdoor space, you might have just found it. [lisasarah.com](http://lisasarah.com)



**DINING WITH FLAIR**

Outdoor dining should be a memorable experience. And with this stylish outdoor table you'll definitely want to pull up a chair and stay a while. This 2.4m x 1m Foundation dining table by Kira & Kira is roomy enough to allow you, your family and friends plenty of room to move. It can seat eight comfortably and offers the

natural elements of a solid polished concrete tabletop with a substantial solid oak sleigh leg (or blackbutt for exterior use). It's modern, innovative and timeless, celebrating the fusion of age-old craftsmanship with modern ingenuity and design. You'll never want to eat indoors again. The designers also customise to meet individual requirements. [kiraandkira.com.au](http://kiraandkira.com.au)

*We love*  
the chunky table square ends that work well with the sleek modern top

## TAKE A SEAT

Add a little retro vibe to your outdoor space with this furniture from Rice DK, a UK company. It's charming and cheery and instantly brings vibrancy to your outdoor space. It is available in soft muted contemporary colours including coral and mint. The furniture is manufactured from cane and rattan and crafted in Asia, and is sturdy enough to withstand the rigours of outdoor use. The seating is moulded for comfort, so you really can lounge back into it and relax in style. Spice up your next garden party with a welcoming sign, some contrasting coloured cushions, and some cool pastel garden ice cream stakes to complete the look. The company also offers a selection of colourful wing chairs and sofas. [sistersguild.co.uk](http://sistersguild.co.uk)



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a contemporary take  
on a much loved  
furniture style