

Style and function



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A home is always enhanced by a beautifully designed garden. It's ideal for relaxing during the weekend, a blissful getaway from the hustle and bustle, as well as for outdoor entertaining. Many city homes don't have the luxury of acres of garden or parkland, but it's still possible to create inviting and attractive garden spaces with minimal space. Garden furniture goes a long way to help create a focal point and give character to a garden space.

When choosing garden furniture, you need to first think of the kind of outdoor space you want to create and what purpose it will serve. A successful garden is all about forward planning as well as having the perfect furniture that fits into the space that you are trying to create.

Deciding on a theme or style for your garden is important, to be able to purchase the relevant garden fur-

niture and accessories, as it will determine the mood and ambience of the outdoor space you want to create. A decked area is great, as it won't dominate the garden, along with quality wooden furniture, folding metal tables and other sleek outdoor furniture. If it is a small space, neat furniture with clean designs are ideal. Foldable garden tables, chairs, and benches mean that you can stash them away when not in use.

Design statement

Embracing accessibility and functionality is the key in making the most of space for a kitchen. Tiered cabinets, fitted furniture and pull-out drawers make the most of limited storage space. This is ideal for a compact kitchen.

With an open floor plan, ingenious storage and stainless steel appliances, design ideas for compact contemporary kitchens are both functional and fun. The use of neutral, soft colours for the cabinets, appliances, and the walls can make a tiny work area feel much larger. Also the use of narrower appliances such as a refrigerator, a stove and a dishwasher as well as a multi-tier cabinet and pull-out draw-

ers makes the most of limited storage space, embracing accessibility and functionality.

Solid stainless steel gives any kitchen a modern, contemporary feel and also makes a design statement. Robust and perfect material for everyday kitchen use, it is stylish as well as being a favourite material for demanding product designers and kitchen planners.

Top left and left: Fitted cupboards are excellent in maximising space. A wood sheen or painted finish adds a contemporary feel (Woodman Lanka)

