

# STYLE SEEKER

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Australia really is the envy of the rest of the world when it comes to outdoor living. Keep your outdoor space looking smart and stylish with these key pieces.

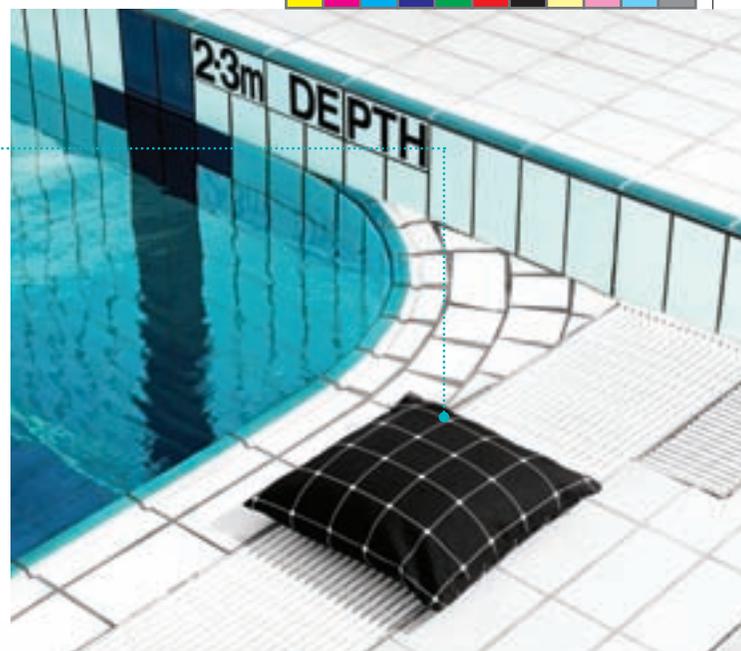
While often spectacular, darker outdoor lounges take up a lot of 'visual space' in an outdoor entertaining area. Cue the Pier range from Harbour Outdoor. Slimline, unobtrusive and altogether gorgeous, these white powder coated aluminium frames with PVC straps make this piece a durable style statement for even the smallest of spaces. \$1595, available from Urban Couture.



Add a little softness and a whole lot of style to your alfresco space with a generous outdoor rug. This striking Dash & Albert UV treated outdoor rugs feel soft underfoot like cotton, not sticky plastic! A graphic piece in neutral tones won't date, ensuring it will complement your outdoor setting now, and whenever you may change it up in the future. \$385, from Petite Retreat.



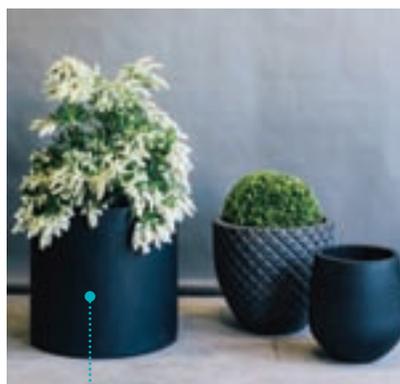
Sleek, minimalist, outdoor-safe cushions are hard to find – which is just one of the reasons I love the Jennifer & Smith outdoor range. These handmade delights are water and stain resistant, antibacterial, anti-fungal and have a high UV resistance which will keep them looking fab – even while battling the Australian elements. \$120, from The Minimalist.



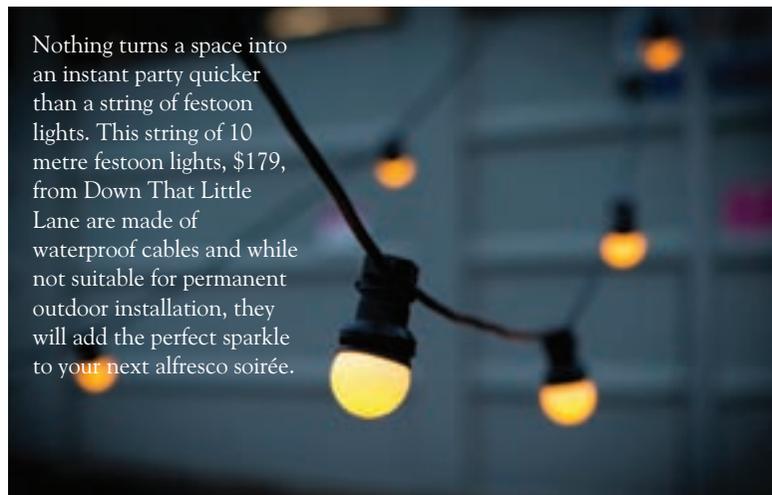
Yes, it is probably sweltering and your outdoor space is getting plenty of use, but don't slink back inside when the temperature starts to cool. These 1800W Heatstrip Classic heater strips, \$498 from Bunnings can be DIY installed.



A stark paved outdoor space is instantly revived with a little greenery. My personal favourites are buxus hedges en masse. Style the formal box or round varieties cheekily in miss-matched pots. The only problem is finding pots that look solid but are light enough to move around. Enter the Frankie and Willow ranges from The Balcony Garden– lightweight (made using a mix of concrete and fibre glass) and weather resistant, these pots are made for a bit of green fun, \$28.



Nothing turns a space into an instant party quicker than a string of festoon lights. This string of 10 metre festoon lights, \$179, from Down That Little Lane are made of waterproof cables and while not suitable for permanent outdoor installation, they will add the perfect sparkle to your next alfresco soirée.



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