

GARDEN DESIGN 09

Creating your outdoor escape has never been easier!
Just turn the page for inspired ideas, designs and best buys

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There's nothing like the anticipation of spring, that sense of regeneration, renewal and revitalisation is positively intoxicating for green-blooded gardeners like me. This spring is especially so for me because I'm in the midst of planning my own garden, a long time coming but, despite the countless garden designs I've worked on, moving from dreaming to planning to finally creating an outdoor room has been a unique experience, filled with challenges and rewards. My new personal paradise will incorporate all I love about the outdoors: places for contemplation, lush gardens and, of course, a dedicated outdoor entertaining zone. I'm excited with a reinvigorated sense of the possible, we've put together Beautiful's Garden Design 09. I want to share some of the garden designs, plans and best buys that have my little green thumbs twitching with anticipation! Plus, we've got ideas for projects big and small. It doesn't matter if your outdoor room is the size of a balcony or a football field, small changes can make a world of difference to your lifestyle. There is so much to share with you over enough pages to cover it all, so I'm tuned in the coming months to share all we've got in store for summer!

Jamie



9 bright ideas...

We scoured the show to find its best take-home garden inspiration



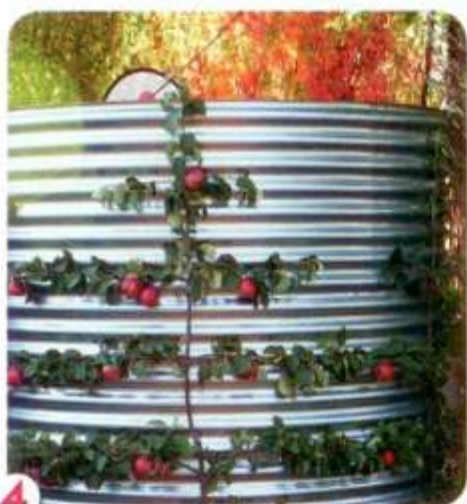
1 Garden designer Daniel Tyrrell displayed prim sculptured *Buxus Sempervirens* hedges in a sea of soft grasses.



2 Australia's love affair with water features continues. Designer Christian Jenkins celebrated the tranquil beauty of water.



3 Veering away from large statement pieces, many designers turned to contrasting tones, like these two-toned pebbles, for impact.



4 A simple yet stunning example of lateral thinking. Mitre 10's garden transformed the humble tank into an orchard.



5 A mix of materials like this Corten-steel screen in organic shapes and tones creates a stunning juxtaposition in any garden.



6 Pathways encourage interaction with green spaces, setting up a sense of anticipation and adventure.



7 Lush tropical plantings offer up a vibrant display of texture and, teamed with paths and bridges, form an exotic oasis.



8 Add drama to your backyard with a fire pit. Daniel Tyrrell's award-winning design centred around an oversized fire.



9 Practical thinking! Herbs are used as delightful groundcover, softening the edges of recycled glass pavers.