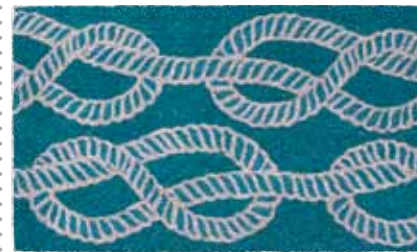




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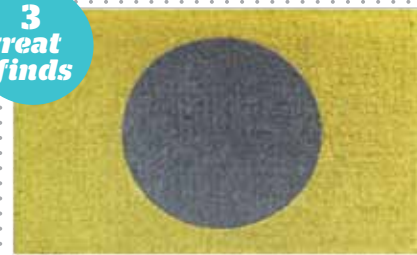
outdoor living

Enjoying the sunshine is even easier with these bright products EDITED BY JOSEPH GARDNER & VIRGINIA JEN



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ROLL OUT THE WELCOME MAT

1. 'Rope' doormat, \$49.95, Milk & Sugar, milkandsugar.com.au. **2. Regular 'Circle' doormat**, \$75, Doormat Designs, doormatdesigns.com.au. **3. 'Hello' doormat**, \$85, The Woodsfolk, thewoodsfolk.com.au.

Relaxing by the pool is a quintessential summer pleasure. Garden designer Peter Fudge suggests maximising your poolside time with lush planting, as seen in this project. "In the foreground, Sedum mexicanum and Sedum 'Autumn Joy' form a loose contrast for the Buxus 'Faulkner' spheres," he says. "The prehistoric-like felt leaves of Kalanchoe beharensis offer more texture. And nothing says poolside more than frangipanis." Visit peterfudgegardens.com.au.

TOP 5 SUMMER JOBS



CHARLIE ALBONE

The landscape designer from *Selling Houses Australia* on Foxtel's LifeStyle Channel

Prune hedges and topiary - they'll have finished their spring flush of growth. Pruning now will maintain a neat, dense and compact growth habit all through summer before their next push in early autumn.

Soak pot plants as they'll dry out quickly. I submerge my smaller ones in a bucket of water with a weak seaweed solution for an hour or so to ensure all the potting mix is at total saturation. Then I add fine sand to the top of the bigger pots and wash it in to fill any gaps to help the soil retain moisture for longer.

Mulch soil to a depth of 75mm, as this will help lock water into the ground and slow evaporation.

Lawn cutting should be done more often but left a bit longer in length as this will prevent scalping. A longer lawn will also help to suppress any weeds.

Our roses have had a bumper year and to keep them flowering, deadheading will prevent them going to seed. This will shock them back into trying to reproduce again.



bask in the glory

Keep picnic essentials handy with this Variopinte basket (\$99), which can house a set of nesting bowls and a salad bowl. Visit cittadesign.com.au.



HEAT WAVE

For an all-in-one outdoor kitchen, you can't beat the Matador 'Supremo' 5-burner barbecue with oven and side plate at \$998 from Bunnings Warehouse; visit bunnings.com.au.