

# GROOVY GARDEN must-haves

JODY RIGBY reveals all the latest and greatest accessories for your patch

## BRIGHTEN A BALCONY

Finally, pots for railings and balconies! These are such a classy way to dress up a normally unusable gardening space. The unique "U" shape cut-out means weight is evenly distributed, and grooves on the underside ensure they fit various sized railings or fencelines. They feature removable saucers so there's no mess, and with colours such as green, purple or turquoise available, they'll brighten a dreary spot. Rrp \$44.95, [greenbo.com.au](http://greenbo.com.au)



## STAND-UP GARDENS FOR SMALL SPACES

Mini vertical gardens! We've really seen a big trend over the past few years in vertical gardens, but these installations can be pricey and unattainable for most of us. That's why I love this mini version, called Verti Scape Mini. The unit, made out of recycled plastics, is small

enough to sit comfortably on your kitchen bench to provide you with salad greens or herbs year-round. Water taken in from above filters down past plant roots and is collected in the tray below, so you can even recycle the water if you like. Rrp \$59.95, [livingholmesdesign.com](http://livingholmesdesign.com)

## SLEEK & CHIC OUTDOOR SETTING

This Takasho outdoor furniture is a must for any chic landscape. This is a typical setting, but pieces are also sold separately. It may look heavy, but it's made of glass fibre-reinforced cement,

which is 30 per cent lighter than regular cement. It's a little pricey, at around \$3000 for this set, but it won't fade, cleans easily and you'll enjoy it for years to come. Visit [takasho.com.au](http://takasho.com.au)



## NO FUSS WATERING

For plants out of reach of the hose, hanging baskets, for getting trees established or for pots that get forgotten, look out for this innovative new product called the Source Of Life water gel pack. It's a tube of a jelly-like substance that is 98 per cent water and 2 per cent food grade ingredients that, when placed around the root zone of plants or into the soil, can water plants for up to 90 days!

Perfect if you're away a lot. Rrp \$2.99 per gel tube at Bunnings.



Ask Shannon

ANY HINTS ON HOW TO TRANSFORM A CHILD'S BEDROOM INTO A TEENAGER'S RETREAT?

For teenagers, who're at times messy, the key to creating a successful space is all in the organisation – and that's where clever storage comes into play.

Open storage cubes are an ideal way to house books, CDs, DVDs etc, that have been organised into colour, size and themes. You can then house any

loose papers in baskets that fit neatly into the cubes. Bed bases that include a row of deep drawers, and bench seats that double as storage as well as an extra bed, are also great solutions.

For rooms lacking floor space, think about building in a wall unit housing a pull-down bed, desk and storage.



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