

Gas patio **heater**, \$299, Bunnings. Palazzo **sofa bench**, \$3498, and **seat cushion**, \$835, Cotswold Furniture Collection. Bjursta **bench**, \$135, Ikea. **ON SOFA Quilts**, from \$220 each, Cambodia House. Haven Messa European **pillowcase** (at left), \$49.95, Aura. Miami **cushion**, \$44.95, SunnyLIFE. **ON BENCH Nikko tray**, \$126, and Hacienda **votives**, \$24.95 each, Papaya. Blomus Fuoco tabletop **fire pit**, \$333, Habitatforyou.com.au. **ON DECK Pappelina "Vera" rug**, \$567, Nordic Fusion. Provence woven **planter** with handles, \$349.95, Papaya. Classic floor **cushion** (at front), \$79.95, and Ray **cushion**, \$34.95, SunnyLIFE.

JUST BECAUSE it's cooler outside doesn't mean you can't use your outdoor room. We've got stacks of great ideas to keep this space toasty warm so you can enjoy it all year round.

IDEA #1

OUTDOOR LIVING ROOM (left)

Snuggle up under the stars by taking your lounge outside.

Comfy couch Cover an old sofa or outdoor bench with a throw in a bold, warming shade such as burnt orange or red.

Scatter cushions, including floor cushions, for extra comfort. Choose contrasting colours and patterns to add interest.

Soft touch Stylist Jo Carmichael made our deck cosy and homely by covering the bare plant pots with basket planters. "It looks warming and really helps to soften the space," she says.

Rug up! The funky plastic rug is practical for outdoors and also makes the space feel like a room.

Add atmosphere The tabletop gel fire pit is a great way to add drama in the evening, not to mention much-needed warmth!

For extra heat invest in a freestanding outdoor gas heater – it will always come in handy during the winter months.

IDEA #2

CHILLOUT NOOK (right)

Enjoy afternoon tea with friends or curl up with a good book.

DIY day bed Don't have a day bed? Simply push two benches together, like we did, throw on a single foam mattress and cover with gorgeous fabrics. Easy!

Choose a theme We created a vintage French feel to our chillout zone by covering the foam with offcuts of striped ticking fabric and pretty floral patterns. →

