

Garden & HOME

Home is where the heart is, so make your house, and garden, a reflection of your personal style



6 **Home: Fireside Drinks**
Curl up with a glass of wine in front of the fireplace in this neutral, chic living space, brightened by art



Garden: Winters Alfresco
Make a romantic outdoors hot toddy possible this Valentine's Day with these essential products



Garden Grooming

Following winter, your garden may be looking a little worse for wear, so here are a few key tips to get your garden looking neat, tidy and ready for spring and summer

- Begin by trimming overgrown grass, removing any weeds that may have germinated over the winter and flattening out uneven lumps and bumps in the lawn.
- Prepare flowerbeds and borders by forking over the soil, adding new compost and re-shaping edges. The use of pre-designed templates can help to avoid oddly-shaped flowerbeds; these can either be printed from the Internet or simply designed by hand and then cut out.
- Moss may have appeared during the winter, making your garden look unkempt. Applying lawn sand can slowly decrease the spread of moss before spring arrives and it is essential that this is spread as soon as you notice it developing.
- Towards the end of February, the days may start to become warmer and flowers such as narcissi, cyclamen and crocus will begin to blossom. On the other hand, if snow is to be expected, wrapping insulation such as a garden fleece around vulnerable plants will ensure that they survive the frost.

1 Finesse rectangular metal platter, £46, Artisanti, www.artisanti.com 2 Crinoline chandelier, £34,100, Baccarat, www.baccarat.com
3 Eichholtz Richmond chair, £885 (in sale; originally £1,475), Occa Home, www.occa-home.co.uk 4 Missoni Home chevron cushion, £169, Selfridges www.selfridges.com 5 Moore and Moore chinchilla faux-fur cushion, £99, Selfridges, as before 6 Deknudt nest mirror, £490.50, Occa Home, as before
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1 Sparta pavilion seater, £8,870, www.luxdeco.com 2 Atlanta garden torch, £59.99, www.poshgardenfurniture.co.uk 3 Faux fur throws, £239.95 www.mooreandmooredesign.com 4 Mantra round coffee table, £550.00, www.luxdeco.com 5 William Yeoward Hortense French navy cushion, £125 www.amara.co.uk 6 Colorado steel chimenea, £119.99, www.poshgardenfurniture.co.uk