



## OUTDOOR SPACES

With more and more people becoming conscious of the environment, Scott Brown, a Melbourne-based landscape designer, predicts LED lighting will become popular not only indoors but outdoors as well.

“LED lights are more efficient and environmentally friendly than traditional halogen low-voltage lighting, plus the costs are decreasing and more options are hitting the market almost every day,” says Scott.

Another key trend for outdoor living is furniture that’s suitable for all weather conditions and outdoor heating for cooler evenings. In his upcoming projects, Scott is also aware of the need for low-maintenance spaces. “My clients want everything low-maintenance. Time is precious and they want to enjoy their outdoor environment without being slaves to it,” he says. “Clients’ wish lists vary with budget but they usually want outdoor cooking areas with all the trimmings, to minimise passing in and out of the home while entertaining guests.” He

adds, “I think relaxed, no-fuss outdoor entertaining with an emphasis on casual lounges and seating with coffee tables will be big in 2012.”

To top it off, Scott is adamant this year’s must-have outdoor item is a wood-fired pizza oven.

For more information on Scott Brown Landscape Design visit [www.scottbrown.com.au](http://www.scottbrown.com.au)



[below] This Chester three-seat sofa, from \$5995, and footstool and cushion, \$1150 both from Fanuti Furniture, offer a combination of style and simplicity that would suit any outdoor space. They’re also made from weatherproof synthetic fibre so they’re long-lasting.



This DIY Pizza Oven, \$1199, from Bunnings is great for when guests come over.

