



Clockwise from top left: 'Roll' green chair by Patricia Urquiola, £1,650, Kettal (kettal.com). 'Vivi' vinyl rug by Lina Rickardsson for Pappelina, from: £97.95% (95percent.co.uk). 'Caracas' white chair by Isabelle Gilles and Yann Poncelet for Colonel, £324, Ambrose (ambrose.co.uk). 'Palmera' deck chair, £195, House of Hackney (houseofhackney.com). 'Sixties' woven chair by Frédéric Sofia for Fermob, £176, Barbed (barbed.co.uk). 'Ria' picnic basket, £40, Habitat (habitat.co.uk). 'Wave' chaise longue by Francesco Roti for Faola Lenti, £2,914, The Modern Garden Company (moderngarden.co.uk). 'Mai Tai' garden umbrella, £88, Anthropologie (anthropologie.eu) ▶

SKY LIGHTS

Create a romantic outside space speedily and cheaply by combining simple paper lanterns – try John Lewis's 'Basics Easy-to-Fit' model, pictured – with a string of LED lights. Choose bulbs that are slightly larger than usual: Seletti's 'Bella Vista' light garland (pictured far right) is ideal for outdoor use. Secure the lanterns to the flex with coated wire, then simply string the lights between overhanging branches and plug them in.



LED lights by Seletti, £85, Heal's (heals.co.uk)



Paper lantern, £4, John Lewis (johnlewis.com)

Belgian architect Vincent Van Duysen has created a collection of outdoor furniture in bright colours for Italian brand Paola Lenti. The chairs feature garden-ready fabrics and folding wooden frames, so you can set the scene for al fresco lounging with minimum effort. 'Portofino' furniture, from £977 (paolalenti.com).

TREND SPOTTING PRIMARY COLOURS

Prada drew inspiration from mural art for its SS14 collection (pictured), with spectacular colour blocking and sporty details. The artistic theme recurs in Mylands' 'Matisse' paints and La Cornue's '1908' ovens in Mondrian-inspired shades. Alternatively, make a statement with bold, bright furniture.



'Matisse' emulsion, £34.66 for 2.5 litres, Mylands (mylands.co.uk). '1908' oven, £6,700, La Cornue (lacornue.com). 'Verlaine' sofa by Lievore Altherr Molina for Driade, £3,780, Viaduct (viaduct.co.uk). 'Pix' poufs by Ichihiro Iwasaki, from £309 each, Arper (arper.com)

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