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BLURRING THE LINES:

# INDOOR/ OUTDOOR LIVING

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To celebrate warm weather living, we explore how to create an entertaining space that flows seamlessly from kitchen bench to outdoor barbecue and alfresco areas. From clever window solutions to smart use of materials, we're discovering how to elevate the indoor/outdoor lifestyle for your home.

## PROJECTS

### 1 SERVE IT UP

The servery window of the Northcote Solar Home designed by Green Sheep Collective ([greensheepcollective.com.au](http://greensheepcollective.com.au)) helps connect

the kitchen and backyard in a way that enhances the functionality of both spaces. The servery window makes outdoor dining a breeze, but also acts as a way for the homeowners to keep an eye on their little ones even as they prep meals in the kitchen. The servery window is just one of the ways the home opens up to the outside. Sliding doors open the large kitchen space onto the deck and cleverly frame the numerous potted plants and simple landscaping, effectively removing the distinction between indoor and outdoor spaces.

Servery window and sliding door by Rylock Windows & Doors, [rylock.com.au](http://rylock.com.au)

### 2 SOFTEN THE TRANSITION

Your window treatments present an opportunity to creatively blur the lines between indoor and outdoor spaces. The sheer curtains in the project by Hayward & Co (pg 112) create a subtle camouflage for the outdoor kitchen, helping to focus views on Sydney Harbour instead. Creative design solutions like this can help keep your more functional outdoor items out of sight but still available for use when required. It's a brilliant way to soften the transition between indoor and outdoor areas, allowing for the indoor space to appear as if it's extended out as part of the stunning views.

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### 3 BRICK BY BRICK

Materiality is the key to seamless transitions between indoor and outdoor spaces. The Stratum residence by Joe Adsett Architects ([joadsett.com.au](http://joadsett.com.au)) on page 111 thoughtfully employs PGH Bricks & Pavers' Utzon bricks from the Lang Mursten range to achieve just that. The home features a series of courtyards throughout, which share the same Utzon bricks as the indoor sections of the home. This deliberately consistent use of the same materials aids in creating an uninterrupted outlook no matter where one stands in the home.

Lang Mursten Utzon bricks by PGH Bricks & Pavers, [pghbricks.com.au](http://pghbricks.com.au)

### 4 FLAWLESS FLOW

Savvy design tweaks can help create a fantastic indoor-outdoor flow. In this kitchen designed by Wood Marble & White ([woodmarbleandwhite.com.au](http://woodmarbleandwhite.com.au)), the level flooring between the indoor and outdoor space is just one of the many design decisions made to celebrate a smooth transition between both areas. The design also includes a feature ceiling that runs from the kitchen and living space right out to the garden area, which itself is accessed via large, full-length cavity sliding doors that offer uninterrupted views of the local flora. Creating an illusion of seamlessness with these subtle design decisions can go a long way in uniting indoor and outdoor spaces.



## PRODUCTS

### 5 LIGHTS ON

Outdoor spaces can be a challenge when it comes to design, but treating decorative elements the same way you would in your indoor space can provide an inspiring change of perspective. Using lighting solutions that look just as good outside as they would inside will help your alfresco area feel that much more inviting. The Gonzaga pendant light by Karman pairs the brand's quirky Italian design sense with an elegant materiality that makes it an artful element suited to any indoor or outdoor space. Available in both small and large sizes, this pendant light presents as strikingly as a single piece or a multi-sized duo.

Available in Australia via LightCo, [lightco.com.au](http://lightco.com.au)

### 6 BRILLIANTLY BESPOKE

When it comes to luxury for your outdoor kitchen and dining, nothing beats a custom outdoor kitchen solution. Built to your area's specifications as well as your unique cooking and dining requirements, kitchens by Lifestyle Barbeques can be made to suit your needs entirely. It's an outdoor cook's dream! Available in a large range of colours to suit your deck or patio, these outdoor kitchens can include gas or charcoal barbecues, sinks, refrigerator, and even a wood-fired pizza oven. Built right here in Australia, the latest Designer Series range of outdoor kitchens is durable and stylish, making it perfect for your indoor/outdoor lifestyle.

Custom kitchens by Lifestyle Barbeques, [lifestylebbqs.com.au](http://lifestylebbqs.com.au)





### 7 A SPACE FOR ALL SEASONS

While warmer weather is the perfect excuse to enjoy your outdoor spaces, you may feel they get a little more neglected once the cooler seasons approach. Make sure your outdoor areas remain just as comfortable as your indoor ones through all seasons with modern and minimalist wall outdoor heaters by HEATSTRIP®. The HEATSTRIP® Classic THH3200A is an unobtrusive way to add outdoor heating to your alfresco. It's a truly chic and contemporary option. Flush-mounted to the ceiling of this modern patio, it effortlessly pairs form and function to make your outdoor space inviting, no matter the season.

Classic THH3200A outdoor heater by HEATSTRIP®, [heatstrip.com.au](http://heatstrip.com.au)

### 8 BIFOLD BEAUTY

Paarhammer bifold doors are a clever and aesthetically pleasing solution for indoor-outdoor living. Draft free, with high energy efficiency and secure multi-point locking, the doors allow generous air flow and a seamless connection between your indoor and outdoor spaces. Made from Victorian ash from sustainably grown forests,



a variety of sizes and configurations is available to suit your home. The custom-made bifold doors featured here have an added bonus of achieving outstanding energy efficiency thanks to the triple glazing and airtight framing that eliminates draughts.

Paarhammer Windows and Doors, [paarhammer.com.au](http://paarhammer.com.au)

### 9 FIERY FOCUS

Creating warmth in your outdoor spaces is a key element to making your indoor-outdoor lifestyle work all year round. Chic firepits are excellent for emanating welcoming warmth in your outdoor spaces and a contemporary design adds a focal point to your patio even when not in use. The Galio Linear gas firepit by Fire Pits Direct is a contemporary take on the classic firepit. Easy to install, with no electrical connections required, there's even an option to include Wi-Fi or smart home system ignition options. It'll keep you and your guests toasty and warm throughout your next outdoor dinner party.

Galio Linear Gas Fire Pit, [firepitsdirect.com.au](http://firepitsdirect.com.au)

### 10 OPEN AND SHUT

When it comes to creating an outdoor space that works with your needs, nothing hits the brief as smartly as Louvretec Super Roof Lites. These motorised louvres can help you create a truly versatile and multi-functional outdoor space, blurring the line between indoor and outdoor living at the touch of a button. A favourite gathering spot for the whole family, this outdoor room of the Northland Project allows the homeowners to control the conditions of the room by opening the roof as they wish – or closing it to create a comfortable haven.

Louvretec Super Roof Lites, [louvretec.com.au](http://louvretec.com.au)

### 11 FABULOUS FLOORING

Creating an inviting outdoor space requires versatile materials, which is why Tile Cloud's Annangrove Ivory French Pattern tiles are such a clever choice. These tiles come in a variety of sizes that can be configured to create an artful display on your alfresco floors. The warm tones of the faux travertine look best with matching coloured grout to add a luxe finish to any outdoor



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space — a classic choice that will see you through different styles and trends in the future. Annangrove Ivory French Pattern tiles, [tilecloud.com.au](https://tilecloud.com.au)

### 12 GRAND GREENERY

While many designers and homeowners love the concept of verdant greenery, sometimes real plants just aren't the best option. Whether it's due to lack of sunlight, not having enough space, or simply not having enough time to maintain a garden, you may have given

up on having beautiful landscaping for your kitchen to open up to. Thankfully, artificial vertical gardens by Designer Plants are an exceptionally high-quality greenery option for your indoor and outdoor spaces. These green wall panels are easy to install and come in a variety of different designs, so you can choose the foliage that suits your space best, just like this courtyard area that connects to the kitchen of a terrace home in Sydney.

Artificial Green Wall Panels, [designerplants.com.au](https://designerplants.com.au)

