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**AIR APPARENT**

**46** A place for solitude and entertaining was the brief for this smart-casual outdoor room in Brisbane. “I wanted to create an alfresco area that was fresh, easy and timeless,” says interior designer Alexandra Ponting. Modern design leads the way: the Gervasoni ‘InOut’ table, Roda ‘Orson 001’ chairs and striking Karman ‘Moby Dick’ pendant light are all conversation points. Lounge lizards might prefer the 4m-long banquette, which offers plenty of seating without impacting on circulation space.

**DESIGN NOTES 46** Banquette seat pad in an olive and beige raffia fabric from Westbury Textiles. Scatter cushions in a Donghia outdoor fabric from South Pacific Fabrics. Kose ceramic platter, Ondene. Karman pendant light, ECC Lighting+Furniture. Dulux Vivid White. **47** Custom-designed fireplace/barbecue. Pergola in western red cedar. Silver granite pavers. Curtains in ‘Allusion’ semi-sheer, linen-look fabric, Zepel Fabrics. Living Divani ‘Neowall’ sofa. Outdoor table and chairs, Ikea. ‘Comback’ sled chair by Patricia Urquiola (inside house), Space. *Ficus pumila* (on walls). *Stephanotis floribunda* (on wires).



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**YEAR-ROUND JOY**

**47** A stunning custom-designed fireplace is the hero of this new outdoor entertaining space, at the rear of a California bungalow in Melbourne. Clad in large-format bluestone tiles, the 4x1m fireplace encourages outdoor entertaining all year round. On the other side of the woodstack is a barbecue bench with built-in bar fridge, allowing the cook to face outwards and easily interact with guests. The 6x12m outdoor area connects to an indoor dining zone with a terrazzo floor, the two spaces working as one. ▶

