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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. ▶

