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## clean & Simple

Landscape Designer Jason Elboz, Space Landscape Designs

[Top Tip] Keep your outdoor space well manicured with a good Lawn mower.

[Top Tip] Alfresco living and entertaining is very popular. Built-in seating, daybeds and outdoor kitchens are in high demand.

[Top Tip] A slated timber screen provides privacy and hides the boundary fence.

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[Top Tip] Integrate any large existing sandstone rocks into a unique rockery garden bed.

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**OMEGA** UMBRELLA **\$199**, Barbeques Galore



**SUNBED** WITH SHADE **\$99**, Barbeques Galore

PIONEER 7-PIECE SETTING \$699, Barbeques Galore

## How to steal this style

**TO CREATE** a sense of space in smaller gardens ensure key features, like simple yet stylish pools, entertaining areas and low maintenance gardens, work together.

**CLEVER USE** of space and colours help make the most of a limited area. Achieve a feeling of spaciousness by keeping the area open plan (which also allows features to be easily used) and using subdued natural tones to continue the environment.

**USE SANDSTONE** and timber for hard surfaces. These blend perfectly with the natural environment and give the area character and warmth. **SEWER MAINS** can cause major headaches when excavating pools. Try encasing a section of the pipe in concrete or changing your pool design to work around the problem.

**COASTAL GARDENS** are always more difficult to maintain due to plants being exposed to the elements. Choose your plants carefully or they can die from salt pollution or batterings by strong winds. Plants must be suitable for sandy and generally alkaline soils.

**PRESERVE NATURAL** features, such as sandstone rock outcrops, by working them into your design. Create a rockery around the outcrop and use the largest rock as a seat and tree ferns as shade. Rockeries can also be an intriguing play area for children to climb and explore.



## HANDY HINTS!

Keep your outdoor area low maintenance. With working hours getting longer, you'll want to spend more time enjoying the garden rather than maintaining it.

 Trees located on a neighbouring property provide a natural backdrop and added privacy if there is limited space for your own plantings.

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