



ON: Optimism is high, despite serial disappointments, that this summer will be one to enjoy outdoors

the barbecue, stock up on and get the drinks flowing. Home has adopted 'lawn' as one of its numerous using several shades of the different leaf motifs for priced from €6 to €24, picnic right. It has floor cushion as beachmats, glass lanterns and lanterns. Lollipop with a dot/floral take up the range of table- with pieces at €2. These te with the essories, tum- placemats. in on the act as ing the Midnight as its theme. Its ge uses raspberry and

lime on dark navy to make an impact on its picnic ware, which can be mixed and marched however you like. With plates starting at just €2.99 each, a 12-piece cutlery set for €7.99, pictured above right, bowls from €5.99

and dip dishes for just €1.99, no one will mind the odd loss or breakage.

Next has taken its summer palette from the vibrant crimson and green of ripe water-melons in its picnic ranges, with accessories starting from €6.50. It has some superlanterns in clear coloured glass for €16, pictured bottom left, which can be hung from trees or used as table decorations, or simply arranged to highlight a water feature or garden ornament. In winter these look great grouped together in a cold conservatory, too.

Marks & Spencer can't keep up with the demand for its Alfresco sets of four coloured tumblers. It appears these are walking off the shelves. They match the Leaf barbecue mitt, plates, bowls and other table ware perfectly. The plates, pictured above left, start at €2.50 and the tumblers are €14.50 per set.

If you just want to change existing cushions and brighten up your sunroom, then the gorgeous fresh pastel

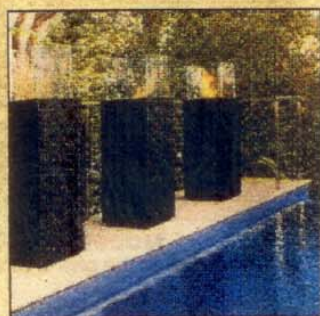
tones of Swedish preference will make a welcome



change. From coral pinks to sky blues, Anvil in Bray fuses function and flair in the Primavera collection of table-cloths and seat pads, in soft shades of blue, pink, linen and crisp porcelain; these will complement any kitchen colour scheme. The squab cushions with ties are €23.75 each. Coordinate these with matching table runners (€15.50) and placemats (a set of four costs €23) to complete the casual, yet stylishly elegant look.

With the Nantucket range, also from Anvil in Bray, you can bring the season's always trendy nautical theme to your home. It includes denim seat pads with ties, a striped table runner and matching napkins.

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ELEGANT: The Tower is based on an ancient Roman feature

A Roman classic is ready for a comeback

Online furniture specialist Go Modern has the absolute latest in classic and contemporary outdoor furniture and lighting. Its range is ideal for making the most of the long and, hopefully, balmy evenings ahead.

However, the latest must-have has to be the EcoSmart. This is a flueless fire which generates significant heat from real flames, yet needs no gas supply, electricity or special ventilation.

It comes in the form of the Tower, which inspired by the padella Romana, a lighting feature used in the entrances of wealthy patrician family residences to symbolise status during the Roman Empire.

Designed by famous Milanese architect and designer Celeste Dell'Anna, the Tower looks good both indoors and outdoors, and

the properties of bioethanol mean that although the fire will heat the air, the glass surrounds won't get too hot.

The flame burns for up to 20 hours on a single fill of fuel which is added via an opening on top of the burner.

The Tower, which comes in black and

white, costs €4,250, with delivery to Ireland an additional €170. Click on www.gomodern.co.uk for details.

