

# Grand designs

From eco rooms to bespoke glass structures, conservatories are becoming very stylish indeed. **Ginetta Vedrickas** reveals the latest looks

Once strictly traditional, today's conservatories now come in a range of styles to suit all periods of building, from traditional Victorian and Edwardian, typically added onto an existing building, to modern freestanding rooms constructed entirely of timber and glass.

Technology has also moved on and today's buyers have a range of options to ensure that the conservatories they choose are low maintenance, durable and even "green". Here is a look at some of the latest products on the market.

Eospace is a freestanding garden room that has a variety of uses. Cheaper than building an extension, these smart studios give you extra rooms in your garden. They're good value too, with starting prices of £10,000 for the WorkPod option, which comes complete with sockets and data and telephone points. Enquiry to completion is generally around 12 weeks, and installation usually takes just five days. As well as using it as a classic conservatory, current uses include office space, playroom, gym and extra guest accommodation. **From £10,000** (020 7703 4004; [www.eospacestudios.com](http://www.eospacestudios.com))

Apropos makes bespoke glass structures that can be



adapted for all sorts of uses. So far, kitchen extensions, dining rooms, living rooms and studios have all been housed within its bespoke creations. The company also brings new meaning to the phrase "lean to" with its stark modern designs that let

## Shelter from the storm

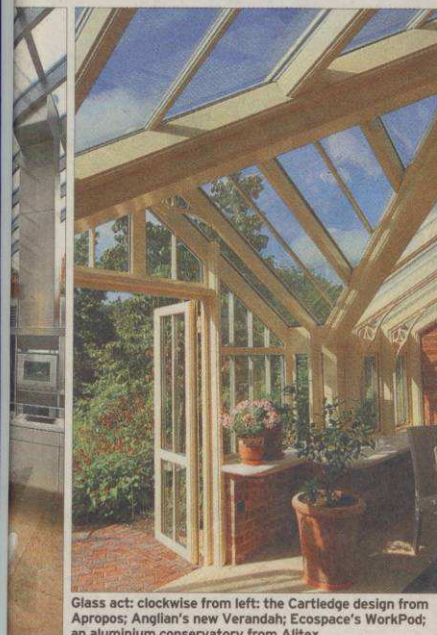
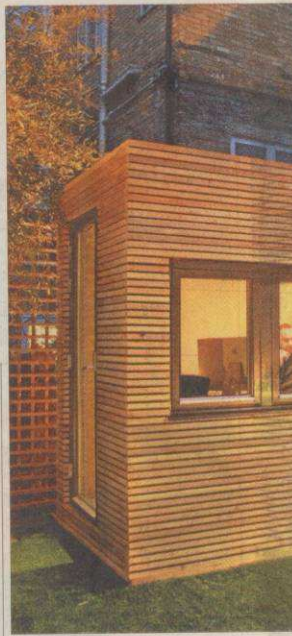
Along with its traditional styles, Anglian recently unveiled its latest innovation "verandah" (above), which will be available from May.

This bespoke design has the look and feel of a conservatory but has a stylish elongated roof that serves as a covered outdoor area – perfect for sheltered seating or barbecues. Never again will rain threaten outdoor entertaining.

Improved technology also means you won't be shivering in winter and boiling in summer as Anglian's Solaroof reduces heat and glare and UV rays – with the added benefit that furniture won't fade. **Price on application** (0800 954 1203; [www.anglianhome.co.uk](http://www.anglianhome.co.uk))

light flood in, bridging the gap between the interior of your home and the outside. Apropos currently installs folding, sliding doors that are 185mm in width, but it is about to launch a new slimline system with glass that is just 111mm in width, giving a sleeker look to conservatory doors. **From £12,000** (0845 434 8901; [www.apropos-tectonic.com](http://www.apropos-tectonic.com))

Alitex creates stylish greenhouses, conservatories and orangeries from low-maintenance aluminium. New to its product range is a bespoke conservatory with a very neat and compact design at just under four metres square. Two new features include a higher than average 45-degree roof pitch – which ensures a spacious, lofty feel – and bi-folding doors that allow you to open up the front, blurring the boundary between indoors and out. **From £14,000** for bespoke products (01730 826 900; [www.alitex.co.uk](http://www.alitex.co.uk))



Glass act: clockwise from left: the Cartledge design from Apropos; Anglian's new Verandah; Eospace's WorkPod; an aluminium conservatory from Alitex

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### Foot work

The Burford Garden Company has a range of conservatory products to help keep floors spic and span, including this pretty coir mat (above) and stylish boot rack (right). **Floral coir doormat, £16**, cast-iron bootrack, **£85**. Burford Garden Company; 01993 823117, [www.burford.co.uk](http://www.burford.co.uk)



### Floor plan

Durable and smart, this rug is ideal for indoor/outdoor living. **Harlequin rug with bamboo pattern, from £54**. Modern Rugs; 0845 391 7907, [www.modernrugs.co.uk](http://www.modernrugs.co.uk)

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