



## GARDENS

### THIS MONTH CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE'S COLUMNIST CHRISTINE YORATH GIVES YOU HER THOUGHTS ON GARDENING

Now that we are having a few warm days and the lighter nights are here we are starting to look forward to summer and after cosy nights in we can start to think about Summer.

We can be enjoying our homes in a different way than in Winter and for those with gardens and patios the obvious thoughts are of barbecues, fire pits and garden furniture and every year we see new trends and more and more choice in the shops often at very good prices. As long as you have looked after last year's purchase and kept the Garden furniture wrapped from the winter elements it might just

need a good cleanup to be brought back into use and for those people without a garden or patio there is no reason why you can't bring the feeling of your garden indoors.

I have plants or fresh flowers in most rooms in my home and particularly like to use plants in groups rather than a single plant here or there. For me the feeling is a bit more exotic and attractive with a few different colourings and leaf styles together.

Of course if you haven't got a garden and you are an apartment dweller you can still create an indoor garden or make the most of a balcony. A balcony is a perfect place to test your horticultural talents but get advice when buying plants from someone who knows what they are talking about because if your balcony is exposed to

the elements you will need different species than if it is a sheltered balcony

What type of planter to use is down to personal taste and whilst some people like to see purple, orange and lime green containers they are not my preference as I see the beauty in the plants and don't want to be distracted with vivid colours which is probably why I like to see fairy lights used on plants all year round as it draws attention to the plants even at night time. Just one word of warning when buying plant pots from somebody who found out many years ago the hard way! If the container has a little hole at the bottom for drainage then the container will be intended for outdoor use only

If you are buying new garden furniture this year and purchase the type with removable cushions I strongly

advise the purchase of a weatherproof container not only for the winter but for rainy times as there is nothing more frustrating than having a lovely sunny day where you would like to sit outside and find the cushions are soaking wet from the day before.

**For more advice go to [www.christineyorath.com](http://www.christineyorath.com) or get in touch by emailing [christine@yorathgroup.com](mailto:christine@yorathgroup.com) or ringing 07836 737300.**

*Till next time  
Christine*

