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Your great outdoors

ANYBODY with a garden will be eager to get outside this Easter even if it's too wet or chilly for alfresco eating, because now's the time to plan for warmer weather by checking and cleaning outdoor furniture and perhaps adding to your collection. One of the best outdoor accessories available at the moment has to be Aldi's £29.99 pizza oven, which heats up quickly on a gas or charcoal barbecue to produce pizzas just as good as fancy table-top pizza ovens that cost three or four times the price.

They include an integrated thermostat and ceramic pizza stone but, just like most of Aldi's best "central aisle" products, they're only available for a limited period.

More outdoor products that won't break the bank include the new outdoor collection from Danish homeware retailers JYSK, which this year includes more than 350 pieces – from garden tables and chairs to lanterns, lights and shower-proof cushions.

Its two key trends are Nomade – using natural materials with restful colours – and Drylands – luxurious designs in botanical greens and golden yellows.

Hanging basket chairs continue to remain popular, with ever-more sophisticated designs at outlets such as Barker and Stonehouse, which has brought back its Costello hanging garden chair for another season.

And if you want to invest in handmade British craftsmanship, Ben Simpson Furniture has a new collection of solid wood outdoor furniture made at its West Sussex workshop in five oil colours: Teak, Honey, Rosewood, Slate and Charcoal.



Castello hanging garden chair with base, £299 (barkerandstonehouse.co.uk)



Rustic garden furniture set with teak oil finish, from £705 (bensimpsonfurniture.com)



Aldi's BBQ Pizza Oven can be heated up on most barbecues, £29.99 (aldi.co.uk)



BRUMBASSE outdoor lantern, 28cm high in olive green, £19.99 (jysk.co.uk)

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