

# OUTDOOR LIVING

**Garden lights**  
Light up your garden with these solar-powered spotlights. They don't need electricity to run, so you can put them wherever you want – no cord required. The sun charges the in-built battery by day to power the light at night. Also has an in-built sensor, so no more tripping over in the dark!



Solar spotlight **\$9.98**  
**PATIO BY JAMIE DURIE**

**Pet chooks**  
They provide fresh eggs, will eat all your kitchen scraps and they can be tamed! And the best part about these eco-friendly pets is you can try before you buy. Rent two chooks for up to six weeks – if it doesn't work out, you can return them; if you love them, they're yours!



Chickens from **\$100**  
**RENTACHOOK**

**Rainwater tanks**  
Available in all different sizes, tanks will capture rainwater run-off from your roof, which can be used to flush toilets, wash clothes, water gardens and wash cars (but not drink). For more info on installing tanks, including rebates of up to \$1500, visit [www.sydneywater.com.au](http://www.sydneywater.com.au).



500L rainwater tank **\$385**  
**DROUGHT SAVER**

**Solar panels**  
We live in a sunshine-rich country so why not make the most of it! Solar power is easy to install and will dramatically reduce your carbon footprint as well as save you money on energy bills. Todae offers systems from around \$3990 (after rebates). Visit [www.todae.com.au/SolarPower](http://www.todae.com.au/SolarPower).



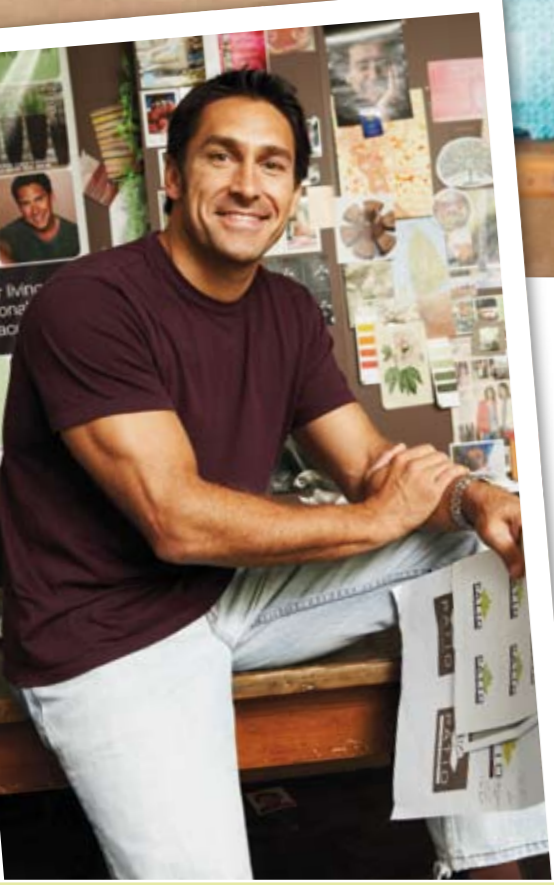
Solar installations **\$POA**  
**TODAE**

## THE ECO ISSUE

Jamie Durie

# MY STYLE

The passionate TV star leads the way in eco-friendly living



**W**hen it comes to greening your home, Jamie Durie knows his stuff. Not only has he created Patio by Jamie Durie, an outdoor living range that uses sustainable timber, he's in the process of fitting out his own home with solar panels, rainwater tanks and insulation. The Earth Hour ambassador says his transition from gardener to eco-warrior has been a natural progression: 'When you're working with plants and designing landscapes, you're very aware that we are all part of nature and you can't help but want to take care of it.' Even if you can't afford to revamp your whole house, Jamie points out you can still use your purchasing power to help the planet. 'The choices you make about what kind of products you buy makes a massive difference,' he says. 'It forces companies to become more eco-friendly.'

### Jamie's tips for a greener home

- Switch to green power. To find out more, visit [www.originenergy.com.au](http://www.originenergy.com.au).
- Insulate your house. It will keep you warmer in winter and cooler in summer, and save you loads on energy bills!
- Replace all the light bulbs in your house with energy-saving globes and save more than a tonne of greenhouse gases in a year.
- Change to a water-saving showerhead and save an average of 21,000 litres of water a year.
- Buy eco-friendly household products, such as Planet Ark's Aware Eco Choice Washing Powder, which is safe for grey water use on your garden.
- PLANT A TREE! A single tree will absorb one tonne of carbon dioxide over its lifetime.

For more info, visit [www.jamiedurie.com](http://www.jamiedurie.com).

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**Tarnby rug**  
**\$139**  
**IKEA**  
Made from renewable natural coir and jute fibres

**Log stool**  
**\$350**  
**JULIET HORSELEY**  
Made from cypress pine, the logs are sourced from fallen trees

**Candle**  
**\$49.95**  
**POMPADOUR**  
Everything from the wick to the wax has been sourced from environmentally friendly origins

**Home-delivered organics**  
**\$POA**  
**ORGANIC FOOD DIRECTORY**  
For organic food providers in your area, check out [www.organicfooddirectory.com.au](http://www.organicfooddirectory.com.au)

**Hemp cushions**  
from **\$180**  
**CLOTH**  
Patched together from fabric remnants, these handmade cushions are produced with minimal environmental impact

**Small succulent Zen bowls**  
**\$34.95**  
**GROWING GIFTS**  
These hardy succulents only require minimal water

**Green tea stack**  
**\$26**  
**T2**  
A stylish way to get your antioxidants!

**Delta II couch**  
**KING FURNITURE**  
Made from a recyclable steel frame and biodegradable feather and down cushioning



**TIP!** Jamie says, 'When buying timber products, make sure they're certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Tropical Forest Trust (TFT). Look out for these logos [left].'

## INDOOR IDEAS

**Energy-saving kit**  
**\$105.30**  
**PLANET ARK**  
Install these water- and energy-saving devices and cut your bills by up to \$200 a year!

**Bath towels**  
from **\$44.50**  
**BAMBOO FABRIC STORE**  
Four times more absorbent than cotton, these are made from sustainable bamboo and naturally dyed

**Green Your Home for Dummies**  
**\$49.95**  
**ORIGIN ECO STORE**

**Greenology**  
**\$32.95**  
**PLANET ARK**

**MiniK sparkling water cooler**  
**\$1100**  
**CLEVER WATER**  
Reduce your consumption of bottled water by producing sparkling water at home straight from the tap

**Indoor composter**  
**\$64.95**  
**MAZE**  
Fitting neatly into your kitchen, this turns food scraps into fertiliser

**Digital shower timer**  
**\$19.95**  
**BIOME**  
Use this to make sure you stick to those four-minute showers!

**Earth Pan Plus cookware**  
from **\$34.95**  
**EARTH PAN**  
Made with sandflow technology, which dramatically reduces greenhouse gases during production

**Solar sun jar**  
**\$75**  
**TODAE**  
Charge it during the day, then use it to light up your home or garden at night

**Efergy energy meter**  
**\$129**  
**ORIGIN ECO STORE**  
Find out how much energy you're using at home or in the office with this wireless electricity monitor – and change your habits accordingly!

**Washing powder**  
**\$7.75**  
**PLANET ARK**  
Not just eco-friendly but great value – the box lasts ages