



ON A ROLL

If you're a true connoisseur, you'll know that every season is picnic season - you just need to be prepared. Autumnal alfresco dining calls for apple cider, a flask of soup and perhaps even a cheeky hot water bottle tucked down your jumper. Above all, a waterproof blanket is a must. This Bloom picnic blanket is a charming option: pretty in pink with a sturdy leather handle. And, at 140 x 140cm, there's plenty of room to lay out a feast. £95. torimurphy.com



Bed time

Dig is a London-based garden design company aiming to take some of the guesswork out of planting. The new venture delivers 'ready-made flower beds' in a range of different sizes so you can just plant and go. There are four main themes to choose from, or the option to go bespoke. Delivery only extends to London at the moment while Dig is growing, but keep your eyes peeled for new locations being announced. £POA. digclub.co.uk



FUN IN THE SUN

The Vlade Adapt island (shown here in Ochre) will have friends and neighbours flocking to your garden. The Adapt collection is modular, so you can design your outdoor kitchen to suit your space. Everything is hand-built to order on the Isle of Wight, and made from stainless steel with a vitreous glaze to ensure longevity. £5,500. vlaze.co

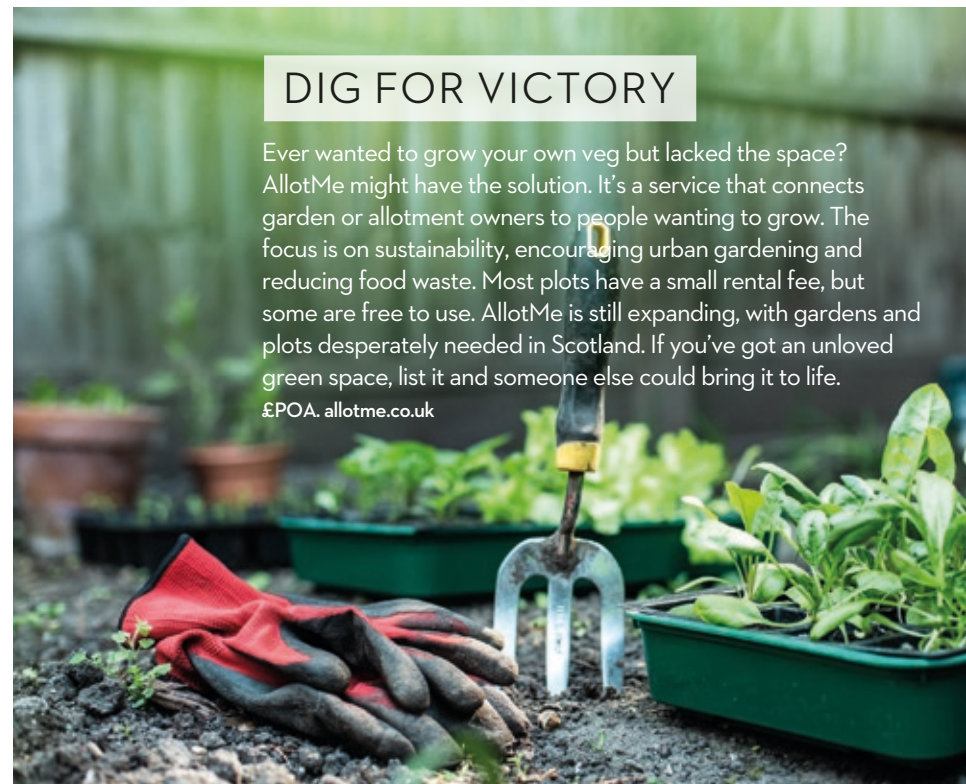
WRAP IT UP

If you ever feel like you don't have enough hands when gardening, Acre & Holt has the answer. Its Garden Wrap is designed to be protective (the tweed is thornproof) as well as being equipped with plenty of pockets for squirrelling away gloves and seeds. Each wrap has a quick-release velcro fastening, D-rings to hang tools from, and sturdy leather trims. This could make a lovely heirloom piece for a green-fingered family. £260. acreholt.co.uk



Go potty

Fashion designer, blogger and all-round cool kid Henry Holland has branched out into earthenware. The green-and-white planters are a firm favourite, sure to make even the most bedraggled peace lily want to cling on just a little longer. Each swirly design is unique, and also available in blue and brown variations. From £65. henryhollandstudio.com



DIG FOR VICTORY

Ever wanted to grow your own veg but lacked the space? AllotMe might have the solution. It's a service that connects garden or allotment owners to people wanting to grow. The focus is on sustainability, encouraging urban gardening and reducing food waste. Most plots have a small rental fee, but some are free to use. AllotMe is still expanding, with gardens and plots desperately needed in Scotland. If you've got an unloved green space, list it and someone else could bring it to life. £POA. allotme.co.uk

DANCE FLOOR

Step away from plain concrete in favour of something a little more interesting with the Arlington Multi porcelain tile from Tile Giant. This rustic pattern has copper tones and a variety of greys flowing through it, so no two tiles are exactly the same. They're hard-wearing but have a lived-in look that's very appealing. £41.98 per sq.m. tilegiant.co.uk



FINE DINING

CUF Milano is known for its modern office furniture, but the Fusion collection is taking CUF's designs outside. It's a modular range, and highly adaptable. This configuration with a table, benches, a canopy and attached planters is particularly smart. Fill the planters with useful herbs or gently scented flowers for a dreamy lunch spot. £POA. cufmilano.com