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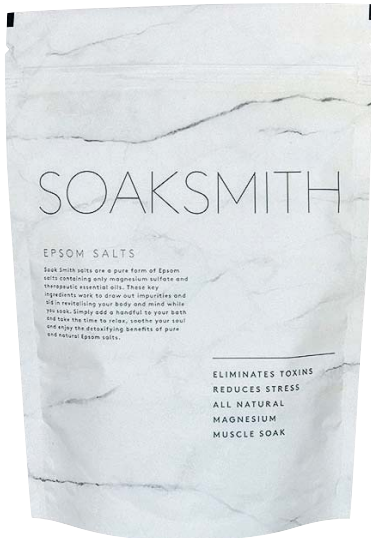
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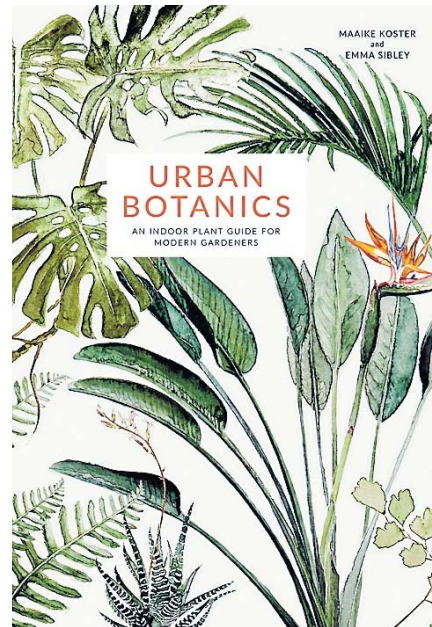
SAVVY SHOPPER

> COUNTRY BUMPKIN

Country Road's October Home collection has a focus on the outdoors, including picnic accessories such as a melamine salad bowl with bread board lid and even beach bocce. You can now also pay to have your initials embroidered on their beach towels, totes and pyjamas. Cooya beach towel, \$64.95, Country Road, countryroad.com.au.



▲ **SOAK IT UP**



▲ GREENER PASTURES

Emma Sibley's *Urban Botany* is a great guide to keeping house plants alive and healthy, whether you're a green thumb or not. The book has information on how to care for more than 70 species and includes stunning illustrations by interior designer Maaïke Koster. *Urban Botany* by Emma Sibley, \$35, Murdoch Books, murdochbooks.com.au



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Soak Smith's Refresh Epsom bath salts have a combination of essential oils including jasmine, ylang ylang and rose. The brand plans to release a new blend every season and for summer are working on Recovery, which should be perfect for fitness types. Refresh Epsom salts, 400g, \$28, Soak Smith, soaksmith.com.

> NATURAL CLEANER

Husband and wife duo Jessica Bragdon and Paul Davidson started Koala Eco in a bid to create effective, chemical-free cleaning products that they could use around their children. Their range - which includes everything from dish soaps to window cleaners - is made from plant-based ingredients such as eucalyptus and lemon myrtle. Multi-purpose bathroom cleaner, \$10.90, Koala Eco, koala.eco.



^ THANK SMEG!

Smeg's Combi steam oven is the ultimate multi-tasker with steam, convection baking and grilling features. Frozen food can be cooked without prior thawing and dough can be proofed. The oven is available in three designs, but it's hard to go past the retro Victoria model which is now available in black. Victoria combi steam oven, \$4490, Smeg, smeg.com.au.

> WILD CARD

Artist Jessie Rose Ford specialises in botanical art and pet portraiture, selling giclee prints and original artworks through her online store. Her cards, printed using vegetable-based inks on recycled paper, have a luxurious textured finish and are a charming alternative to cheesy greeting cards. Vegetables card, pack of six, \$36, Jessie Rose Ford, jessieroseford.com



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FORGET THE MEATBALLS

Ikea has teamed up with Danish design company Hay to create the Ypperlig collection. Design duo Mette and Rolf Hay have put their spin on furniture and homewares. The classic blue Ikea bag has even received a makeover and is now available in a range of stylish colours. Ypperlig table, \$299; chair, \$80; vase, \$35, Ikea, ikea.com/au.





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> PEBBLE POWER

Angus & Celeste make beautiful and functional ceramics including planters, vases and tableware. The Charcoal Ash collection is a departure from their usual exuberant use of colour. Designed to be reminiscent of worn river pebbles, it makes for a striking addition to any table setting. Charcoal ash sashimi pourer bowl, \$39, Angus & Celeste, angusandceleste.com.



< THE WALLS ARE ALIVE

Forget buying cut flowers every week. Wall Envy, based on the Victorian Peninsula, creates lush living plant art for the home. Bringing the outdoors in, the Cirklet features aloe, peacock leaf and fern birds nest bush. Cirklet garden wall, \$490, Wall Envy, wallenvy.com.au.