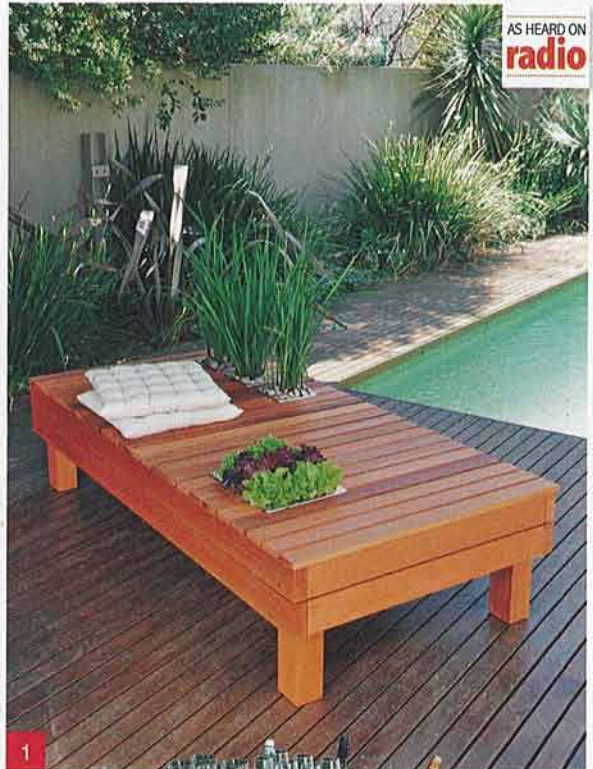


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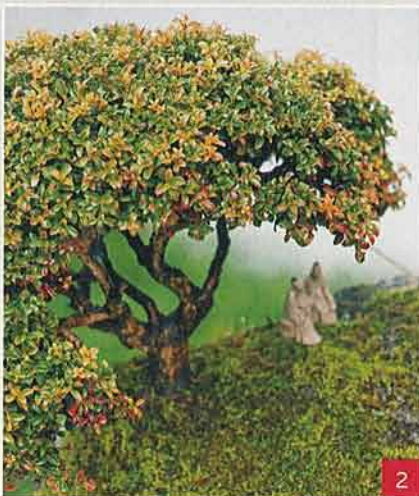
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3 project bonsai basics

Bonsai are forever – or at least they should be. Diminutive forms of trees and shrubs, they can last just as long as their larger cousins planted in the garden, and bring you just as much delight over many years. Successful growing of bonsai comes down to a few simple rules of plant maintenance – follow our guidelines and your mini trees will be things of beauty forever. For the pattern sheet, see over page.



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1. The Chinese Garden of Friendship, in Darling Harbour, Sydney, features many wonderful bonsai specimens and is an excellent place to visit for oriental inspiration.

2. Penjing is the Chinese art of creating a landscape in a pot. Here *Buxus* 'Kingsville Dwarf' was used. It's an elegant, tiny-leaved boxwood which is ideal for bonsai.

4 project the entertainer

This project will really get your party started. The low bench/table converts from an entertainment centre to a decorative planter when guests have gone. If you make the it from western red cedar, it will cost about \$500 in timber, but you can also use other durable or treated timbers that are considerably cheaper, though heavier. For the pattern sheet, see over page.

1. The stainless steel trays slot in and out, so you can use them as planters or snack holders. Being western red cedar, the bench is quite happy to live outside.

2. Your guests may never leave when there's somewhere to take the weight off their feet, plus watermelon and plenty of beverages on ice.

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