



Having moved from Sydney to Perth, and both leading busy professional lives, homeowners Chloe and her husband wanted a relaxing outdoor space to come home to.

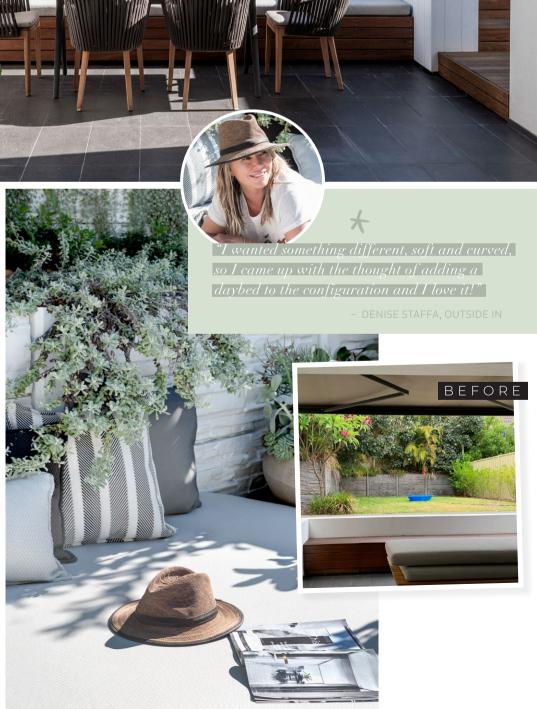
Before enlisting Denise Staffa of Outside In to redesign their back garden, the couple would keep their curtains closed so that they wouldn't see the view, which Denise describes as "dull and drab to say the least".

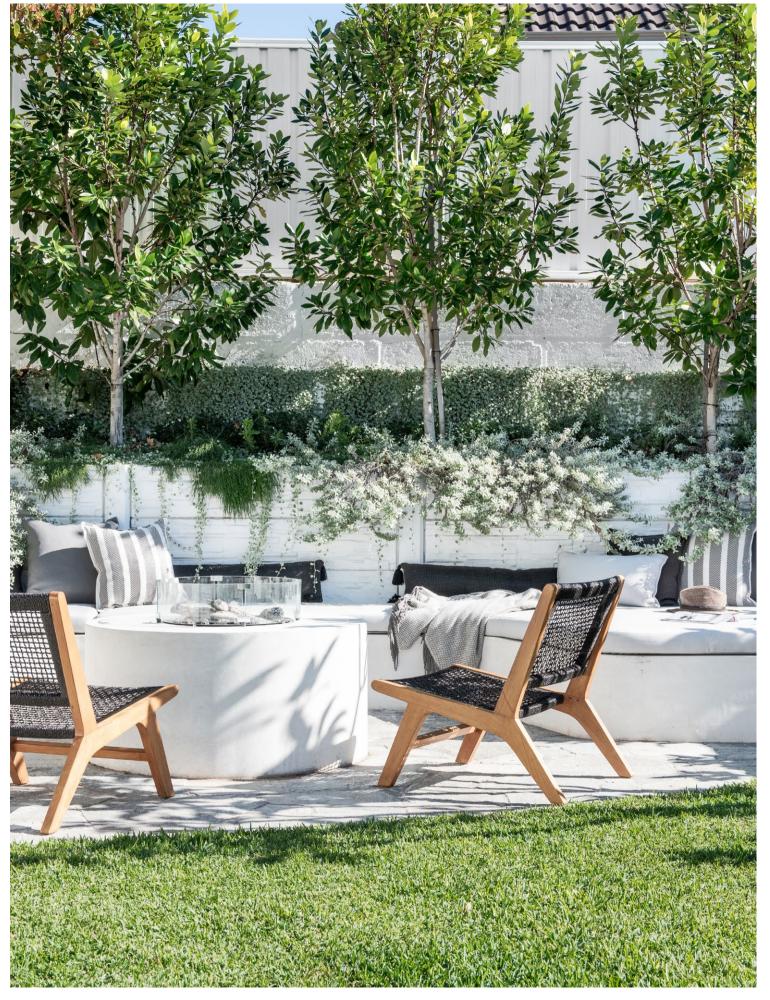
"It was dominated by a concrete post-and-panel retaining wall in a dated colour," says Denise. "Gardens were overgrown, with a mismatched colour palette, and an existing timber bench seat was uninviting to use as it was too high to sit on and in front of an ugly strip drain."

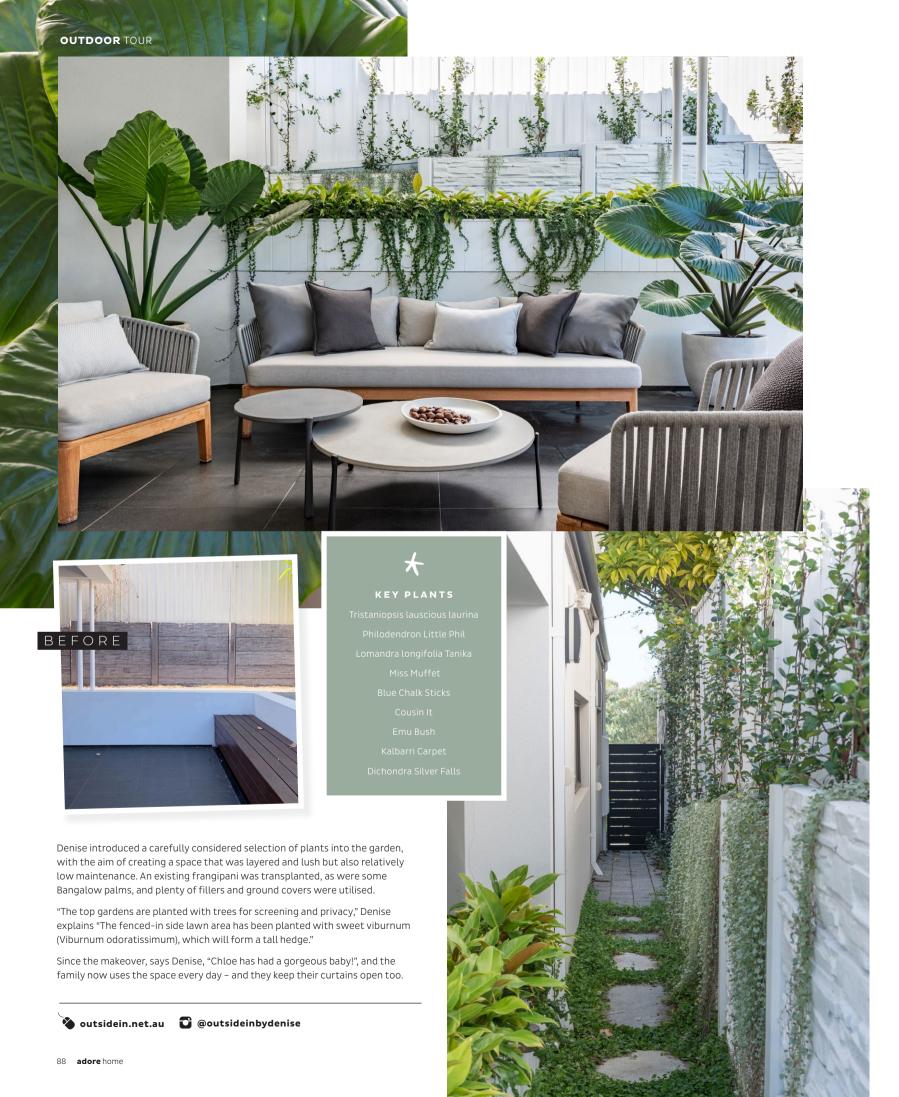
The couple's new French bulldog puppy, Winnie, meant the drop from the upper lawn to the alfresco area was a concern, as were the steps, which were too high for little legs.

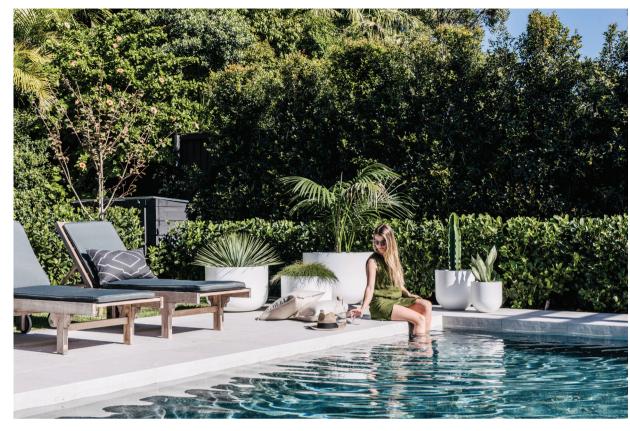
"It took me ages to design the shape of the formed concrete bench seat," remembers Denise. "I wanted something different – soft and curved – so I came up with the idea of adding a daybed to the configuration, and I love it!"

Denise's design solution for the drop-off from the retaining wall was to create an additional barrier using Scyon Axon vertical panels. These were installed behind the timber seat, giving it a boothlike feel.













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