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# Nature's BEST

To say that Jamie Durie is an expert gardener is an understatement. Horticulturalist, author, designer and television host – Jamie he has done it all. Here, he talks to Emma Freeman about his passion for outdoor design and winning gold at the Chelsea Flower Show.



### ABOUT JAMIE DURIE

A household name, Jamie Durie has won a multitude of international awards for being an innovative and contemporary designer who draws inspiration from the natural form. A qualified horticulturalist, Jamie works with a client's brief to create sophisticated and luxurious outdoor designs that have a relationship to the environment in which they are situated, while adding his own unique twist. He is the author of nine best-selling books, founder of The Outdoor Room magazine, and has starred on several TV shows, including Backyard Blitz. Jamie has just released a new range of outdoor furniture and gardening products for PATIO by Jamie Durie, which is exclusive to BIG W. He has also collaborated with The Rug Collection to produce a fabulous range of indoor and outdoor rugs.



**Three words to describe your projects and designs?**

Creative, evocative, emotional.

**What inspires your designs?**

I truly believe that inspiration is everywhere; it just depends on how you perceive it. Without a doubt, nature is one of my biggest inspirations. I try to capture an organic quality in my Patio designs for Big W, to make them feel touched by nature. I love juxtaposing different textures and materials together which is again, something I've observed in the natural landscape.

**What materials do you prefer to work with?**

Natural materials are my favourite and I love mixing them up. I also like using recycled materials where possible.

**Is there one project that you're particularly proud of?**

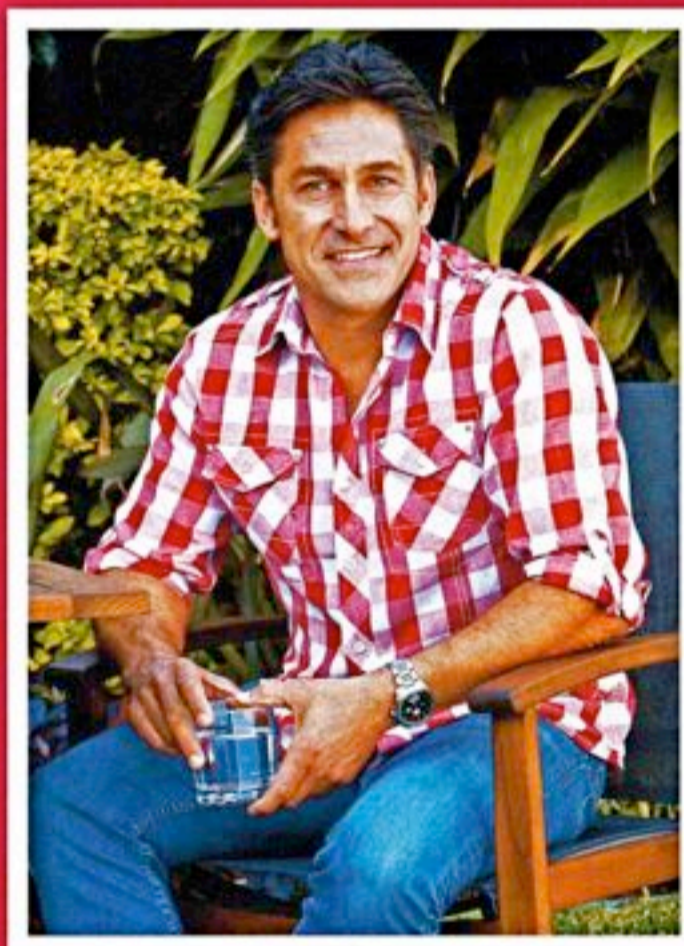
The Australian native garden that my team and I created for the Chelsea Flower Show in London a few years ago is a standout. It really was an amazing feat and we won a gold medal – it was a very proud moment for us all.

**What do you look for in outdoor furniture?**

I like outdoor furniture that looks and feels as comfortable, luxurious and as stylish as the furniture you have inside your house.

**What trends do you see taking off this summer?**

The modular trend is still current and growing. The new Patio by Jamie Durie Freemantle modular exclusive to Big W will knock your socks off, it's just so versatile. There are many different ways



you can configure the moduler to suit your lifestyle and how you want to entertain – it allows you to be creative and design the space exactly as you want.

**Must-have outdoor product?**

Definitely the day bed, it's the best for relaxing on weekends or piling onto with your friends and family when you're entertaining. It gives you that instant sense of luxury and resort style living. Even if you only have a balcony, a day bed would be the piece that will really transform how you spend time outdoors.

**Top three outdoor decorating tips?**

Mirror how you live indoors, outside. Comfort is key – make your outdoor space as comfortable and cosy as you can. Continue your interior colour, material and design scheme through to your outdoor space to create a flow in the overall design.



Garden design by Jamie Durie. Photography by Jonathon Tickner.