



Life on high

As cities become more crowded, urban green thumbs are looking to the skies. This tranquil rooftop created by Adam Robinson Design in Sydney's Redfern proves a rooftop can be the perfect backyard

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Insider style



SYDNEY LANDSCAPE designer Adam Robinson works closely with clients to craft beautiful outdoor spaces, such as this Redfern rooftop oasis. "I set out to create an area that, even when you know you're smack bang in the middle of the city, once you are on the roof you are completely immersed in a garden presence," he says. Adam zoned the space adding comfortable furniture and a built-in barbecue to deliver a kitchen, living and dining room in one. "The area needs to be usable as well as aesthetically pleasing," Adam says. Rooftop gardens come with challenges; Adam had to choose pieces and plants that could withstand direct exposure to sun, rain and wind. A 360-degree pivoting shade sail, a worthwhile investment, lets the homeowners protect different areas depending on the weather and time of day. When creating your own space, Adam recommends choosing features carefully. "Sometimes one impressive piece is better than lots of clutter," he says. A harmonious colour scheme will tie the space together to complete your "restful retreat". ✈️ adamrobinsondesign.com

1. **TAIT** Jak Chair designed by Justin Hutchinson in black satin, from \$540, madebytait.com.au
2. **FREEDOM** Sabine Planters, from \$29.95, freedom.com.au
3. **CAPRA DESIGNS** Dip Eco Resin Pot, \$59, capradesigns.com
4. **TAIT** Nano Table in black and charcoal, from \$1050, madebytait.com.au
5. **PLANTING DREAMS: SHAPING AUSTRALIAN GARDENS** by Richard Aitken, \$49.99, newsouthbooks.com.au
6. **ROBERT PLUMB** Mrs Frankenstool, \$320, robertplumb.com.au
7. **HOME REPUBLIC** Dakota cushion in black, \$49.95, adairs.com.au
8. **ROBERT PLUMB** Maxi 3 Seater, \$5265, robertplumb.com.au