



it's warm outside!

light up your space with decorative candle arrangements and pretty lanterns... small bark lantern, £10 from Next, and port hole lantern from Sainsbury's Home, £20

keep warm outside... wrap up in a cosy rainbow knit throw from bhs at £13 and a coral beanie hat from Internationale, a snip at just £7.99

LET THERE BE LIGHT

One of the most popular grumbles about autumn is that the evenings get dark and gloomy almost immediately - simply being able to see your garden becomes impossible, let alone enjoying it. A simple way to ensure that your garden is still 'accessible' once the sun goes down is simply to light it up. Anything from getting some lanterns to dot around the garden or some solar powered lights (these are now

available in most shops) to line your garden path will work well. Don't think fairy lights are for Christmas use only - invest in an outdoor set and string them through your shrubbery or in a once-leafy tree to inject in some new life. This trick will work for a range of budgets and means that when you're snug inside you can still look out of your window to admire the garden in all its autumnal glory.



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We all know that colder months are about hibernation and the falling of the leaves. However, here at *Four Shires* we are big garden and nature lovers, loathe to shut off access to our gardens just because the sunflowers have disappeared. After all, what's the point of having a garden or patio if you can only enjoy it six months out of the year?

While it's tempting to turn in early for the night, and we'll be spending most of our time indoors as the evenings get darker, we think with a few clever tricks you can still make the most of gardens and the autumnal foliage - even if you're planning on staying tucked up under a blanket on the sofa.

So with the aim of not forgetting about our favourite outdoor places, we're sharing some of our favourite ways to draw your attention outdoors even when there's a nip in the air. Read on and get prepping for autumn...

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