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Above The magic continues in the garden, where fairy lights twinkle in the trees and the boys have room to roam on the lawn

'When I was growing up in Portugal, it was the custom to have the Christmas feast on the evening of the 24th December. Then we'd go to Midnight Mass and afterwards come home to open the presents. I've continued the tradition, as it means no one has to get up early to put the turkey into the oven on Christmas day. I like to keep the day relaxed so we can all enjoy our white Christmas.'

✳ *Chic Shack, 77 Lower Richmond Road, Putney, London. 020 8785 7777; chicshack.net*

### Garden luxury Your own covered verandah

If you dream of an outdoor lifestyle but are faced with the reality of a British climate, a covered verandah like Maria and Gary's could be the perfect solution. Verandahs can be custom built, or purchased and installed ready-made. The Past Re-Cast ([thepastrecast.com](http://thepastrecast.com)), produces a variety of elegant designs in cast aluminium, which are guaranteed to be rust and corrosion-proof. You will also need to invest in outdoor

furniture - try Indian Ocean Trading Company ([indian-ocean.co.uk](http://indian-ocean.co.uk)), Habitat ([habitat.co.uk](http://habitat.co.uk)) or Nova Garden Furniture ([novagardenfurniture.co.uk](http://novagardenfurniture.co.uk)). For a traditionally English look go for a Lloyd Loom table and chairs ([lloydloom.com](http://lloydloom.com)) or add a swing chair (Benchmark of Oxford - [benchmarkofoxford.co.uk](http://benchmarkofoxford.co.uk) - produce beautiful handmade models). All you need now is a coat and a mug of something hot to keep you toasty!

## Get the look

Bright and breezy buys for your home

▶ The 'Freya' eight-light chandelier in chrome with bead detail costs £275 from BHS. 0845 196 0000; [bhs.co.uk](http://bhs.co.uk)



▶ This vintage-style 'Ornate' mirror in white costs £200 from Heals. 0870 024 0780; [heals.co.uk](http://heals.co.uk)



▶ Add a contemporary twist with The Pier's 'Silent Night Silver Berry Wreath', £15. 0845 609 1234; [pier.co.uk](http://pier.co.uk)



▶ This classic 'Raspberry Small Check' fabric costs £28 per m from Nordic Style. 020 7351 1755; [nordicstyle.biz](http://nordicstyle.biz)

▶ These pretty gold butterflies are decorative at any time of year and cost £3 for three from Woolworths. 0844 811 7112; [woolworths.co.uk](http://woolworths.co.uk)



▶ This stylish 'Classical White' Armchair costs £165. 0845 257 2627; [sweetpeandwillow.com](http://sweetpeandwillow.com)

