

# Fold up, blow up, hang it on the wall

Sink into a sofa in even the smallest London outside space with the latest flexible, easy-store furniture. This summer has plenty of light evenings left...

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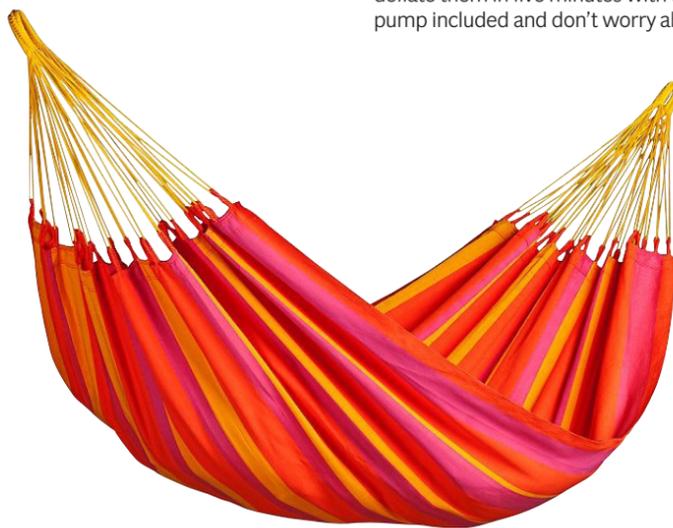
**Dining table that folds up into a shelf:** the ÄPPLARÖ table from Ikea, below, folds up from a roomy four-seater dining table into a neat unit no wider than a shelf (£65, [ikea.com](http://ikea.com)). Tuck it away against a wall and display potted plants on it when it's not in use at mealtimes alfresco. You can buy it complete with four chairs for £165, but the chairs don't fold up particularly small, so it may be better if space is tight just to go for the table and mix and match with more compact folding chairs, or stools that can double as plant stands or drinks tables for the rest of the year.



**Well, I'm blown:** inflatable furniture has made great strides in comfort and durability over the past 10 years. Leading the pack is the Dutch-styled Blofield Air Design range of inflatable armchairs and sofas ([blofield.com](http://blofield.com)). Blow them up or deflate them in five minutes with the pump included and don't worry about

puncturing them — they're made of the same material as swimming pool liners, so they're built to last. For a Big Blo 2 Straight Sofa for two, above, that will make your balcony look like a high-end hipster cocktail bar, if that's your thing, try Made in Design (£639, [madeindesign.com](http://madeindesign.com)).

**Swing it:** if you're lucky enough to have a couple of trees or solid fence posts in a narrow garden, it would be rude not to sling a hammock between them. Try The Hammock Store for classic, dozy-days Latin brights such as this Sonrisa Mandarin (£64.90, [the-hammock-store.co.uk](http://the-hammock-store.co.uk)).



**Wall art you can sit on:** folding chairs are great for small spaces, especially if you can hang them on the wall. These classic brightly coloured Fermob chairs (Fermob Bistro Folding Chair, [madeindesign.co.uk](http://madeindesign.co.uk), £59) make a cheerful feature in themselves on a wall and can be stored outside all winter.

**Cocooned:** for a laid-back festival vibe that's easy to get up and running, Fatboy Lamzac Original inflatable sofas come in high-quality ripstop nylon that you simply hold open against the wind to inflate. Lay back in them like a canoe. The Hawaiian Special, above, in tropical florals is particularly party-like (Amazon, £85.78).



**Small-space heroes:** good value for balconies and small terraces is the four-seater folding Rive Droite Bistro Set with round table from Garden Trading ([gardentrading.co.uk](http://gardentrading.co.uk); £220) seen here in Dorset Blue. A smaller two-seater version is available for £120 in a variety of colours including smart, putty-ish Clay. The two-seater set also comes in a square-table version, priced £108.