



Essentially Metal offers trendy, contemporary furniture for the outdoors

A garden bench

If you'd like to dress up your garden or terrace, head to Essentially Metal in Bangalore for their new contemporary range

What's new: Essentially Metal launches its new outdoor furniture range, comprising 40 designs
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What we saw: Smart furniture pieces meant for the outdoors, like your garden, porch,



lawn, terrace or patio. There are benches in classic patterns, benches with mosaic and granite, wood and metal benches with terracotta textures, all kinds and sizes of garden chairs to suit every corner of your patio or garden, tables that are textured with patterns and designs, swings and hammocks.

Most of the pieces have been designed by Nishu Jouhari, whose family has been into the business of manufacturing metal and stone works since more than a few decades, and who uses intuition, and common sense to create new furniture pieces every season.

"We have the infrastructure and expertise to customise furniture to our

client's needs," Nishu says. "Coffee shops, restaurants and even builders are big buyers as we specialise in making park benches, swimming pool sun loungers and outdoor pieces that are hardy and have a hint of design."

The small store has innovative pieces, like a tree of life to be displayed on a wall, interesting garden tiles with a European feel, outdoor lanterns, planters, mosaic-edged mirrors and painted dried flowers that look good in any exterior or interior setting.

What we loved: The classic wooden benches that are polished with treated wood veneer, the mosaic-tiled outdoor garden tables, the butterfly-shaped chairs and the interesting swing that has potted plants on either side, with a metal

awning that allows creepers to grow.

Most of the pieces are modern, though some have a touch of funk in the shape or appearance. "It may look a tad funny on first glance, but it's comfort-driven because we use all the techniques of aerodynamics and comfort in crafting our pieces," explains Nishu.

We also love the fact that all the cushions used on the outdoor garden furniture, even on two-seater sofas, are made of waterproof fabric that is specially imported from the US. "They drip dry easily and are durable," adds Nishu.

Price points: The pieces are competitively marked, the three-seater benches are priced at Rs 11,000, garden tables at roughly 13,000 and an interesting set comprising a stone-based table and seating done in a stone yin and yang pattern comes for Rs 16,000. The smart garden chairs start at Rs 2,500. You can custom-build metal awnings, outdoor benches and any other garden requirement as per your size and budget. ■

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