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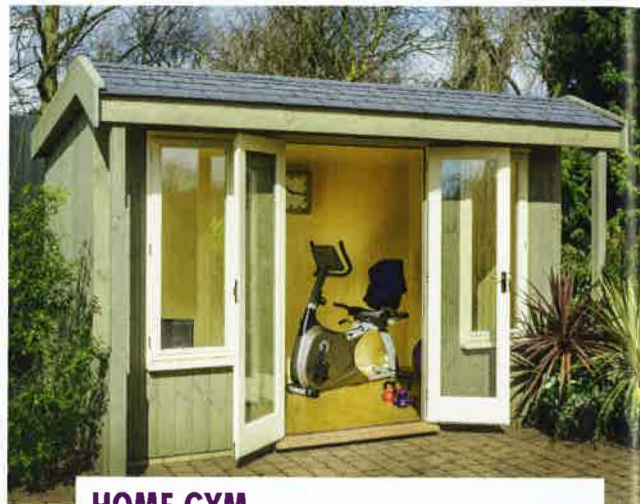
## LIVING SPACE

A fire and seating area turns a simple glass structure into an inviting garden lounge. Insulated on two-and-a-half sides, this cedar building features slim-framed sliding doors with an almost frameless effect, creating a stunning panorama even when closed. A similar project, measuring (H)240x (W)600x(D)390cm, would cost around £90,000 from IQ Glass.



## POOL HOUSE

Whether a place to unwind, storage for furniture or simply a practical pool-side space, this garden room from Vale Garden Houses has a gable front, terracotta tiled roof and inset glazed rooflights, plus bi-fold doors for a wider entrance. It measures (H)390x (W)780x(D)450cm, and prices start from £30,000.



## HOME GYM

This Polebrook garden room from Scotts of Thrapston, in pressure-impregnated green-stained European redwood, has double-glazed doors, windows and a tongue-and-groove interior painted in Buttermilk. With its hardwearing varnished floor, it's ideal for a workout space. A mineralised felt and felt-tiled roof with veranda-style overhang keeps the weather at bay. Measuring (H)240x (W)360x(D)230cm, it costs £7,975.



## RUSTIC APPEAL

Why choose a shed when you could have a charming hut instead? This new-build, rustic-style structure makes a striking addition to a garden. With a pine tongue-and-groove interior, and finished in corrugated tin or cedar wood, huts from Cotswold Shepherds Huts start from £10,000. Electrics can be supplied. The hut shown measures (H)190x(W)190x(D)370cm, is finished in weatherproof paint and costs £11,500.

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