

Hot Heaters

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Got to show you my favourite heaters this winter. I know they can sometimes be a tad boring and somewhat expensive to run. But check these out. Finally a bit of **cool** in the heating ranges!

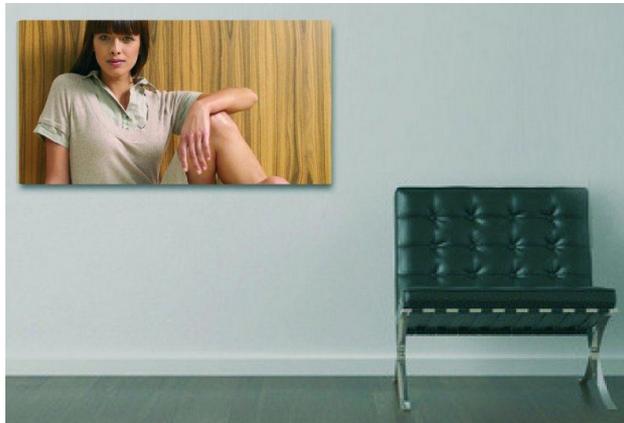
Love the LAVA ® glass radiator heater. This heater can be fixed onto a wall, plugs into a standard power outlet and can be any picture you like, or even a mirror in the bathroom.

Imagine your favourite photo being put onto glass and hung on the wall. It not only looks great, but also keeps you warm in the colder months. Or having a mirror in the bathroom that is also your heater.

It's a 'dual duty' item that you can also take with you when you move! You've got to love the ingenuity in this.



*Images courtesy of
LAVA® Glass Radiators
from
Warmer Australia*



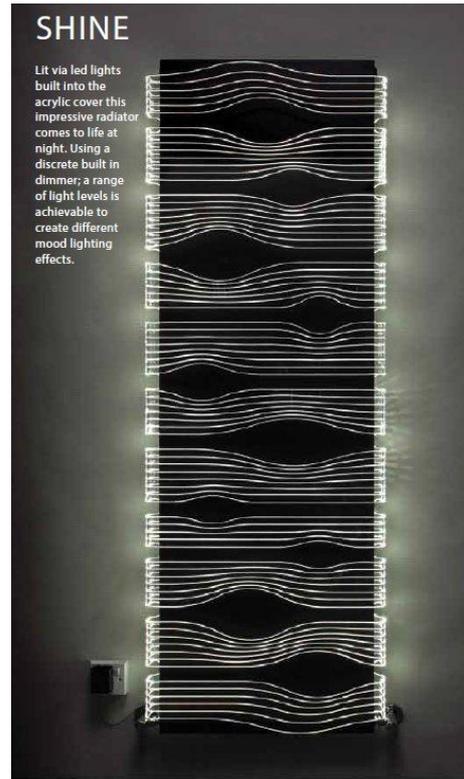
Key Info:

- Supplier: Warmer Australia
- Web: www.warmeraustralia.com
- Available: Australia wide
- Cost: from \$1,000 per panel
- Energy use: max 1000w per unit (roughly 10c per hour to run)
- Benefits: 30% more efficient than alternative convection heaters. Easy to plug into standard power point. Take it with you when you move.



Chic hydronic is how I'd class these Designer Hydronic Heating panels from Hunt Heating. They have a great range with a difference showing that hydronic can be interesting as well as efficient and good for asthma sufferers. My favourite 'radiator panels' are here.

We've the 'Shine' which is like a piece of art, the 'seat' below (nothing like a warm bottom when in the bathroom), a towel rail and a surf board (art of course)! All another form of 'dual duty' giving function as well as practicality that's literally 'hot'.



Images courtesy of Hunt Heating Designer Range brochure



Key Info:

- Supplier: Hunt Heating
- Web: www.huntheat.com.au
- Available: Australia wide
- Cost: variable per panel, contact supplier
- Energy use: water heated by solar with gas booster (non solar also available)
- Benefits: Efficient heating, individual control of radiators, asthma friendly and ecofriendly.

If you like 'real fire' then you can't go past Pellet Fires. These heaters are more traditional, but more modern models are starting to enter the market place. These are very ecofriendly because they use a waste product as fuel (wood shaving pellets that look like chicken feed), burn extremely efficiently, has a 'clean' burn and produces a lovely radiant heat in the room that is controllable.

These are one of the most efficient heaters around, and now that the design is getting more in line with modern home décor's I think they'll be very popular!



*Photos above & below
courtesy of
EcoChoice Fires*



*Photos above and below
courtesy of
Wheel Heater*



Key Info:

- Suppliers: Pivot Stove or Wheel Heat
- Web: www.huntheat.com.au or www.wheelheat.com.au
- Available: Australia wide
- Cost: from \$2,750
- Energy use: very efficient, no electricity or gas. Pellets only
- Benefits: Efficient clean heat, adjustable flame, uses waste product for fuel and very eco-friendly.



Last, but not least is the bioethanol fires that can go just about anywhere. This is considered a 'clean' fuel, no flue or chimney is required and it can sit on a table, in the garden or any suitable place (within reason of course).

The fuel itself is basically mentholated spirits, and although it can be a little more expensive to run, it burns clean and looks lovely.



*Photos courtesy of
EcoSmart Fires website*



Key Info:

- Supplier: EcoSmart Fires found at G-Store in Melbourne
 - Web: www.ecosmartfire.com
 - Available: Australia wide
 - Cost: variable
 - Energy use: Bioethanol
- Benefits: Live flame, no flue or chimney required, ecofriendly.

So now you know – cool can be hot! If you would like to know more about making your home more comfortable in the cooler months, see our tip sheets online or contact Green Moves at www.greenmoves.com.au