

Best buys

Solar lighting

Let there be light after dark with our selection of energy-efficient designs. Ideal for brightening paths and doorways, or simply as features in their own right

BUDGET

SAVE – less than £15

Soft and gentle

This simple design is just the ticket if you want to light a pathway without breaking the budget. And you can leave your tool box in the shed, because it comes assembled and ready to stake in the ground.

What Weather-resistant, black-finish solar LED. Like each of the lights listed, sunlight-recharging batteries are included.

Height 37.7cm

From Homebase, 0845 077 8888, www.homebase.co.uk

Price £4.99 each, available in-store and online, delivery £4.95



MID-RANGE

SPEND – less than £40



Good wood

Achieve an oak look for a fraction of the price. Giving up to eight hours of light, this post design can either be staked into the ground or mounted on decking.

What Oak-effect post solar light
Height 26.5cm

Price £24 for a set of 4, delivery free to UK mainland



Spot on

Highlight plants and shrubs to dramatic effect with this pair of adjustable spotlights.

Lighting up for eight hours, they come ready assembled and switch on automatically at sundown.

What Stainless-steel spotlights
Height 23cm

Price £25 for a set of 2, delivery £6

HIGH-END

SPLURGE – less than £75



Hip to be square

Accentuate patios, paths or plants with these smart, natural-slate lights. No assembly is needed so they are easy to install. Integral solar panels create energy for up to eight hours' light.

What Slate Stepstone lights
Size 20cm x 20cm

From Solar Centre, 0845 094 1250, www.solarcentre.co.uk

Price £36.99 for a pack of 2, delivery free



Get some zzzzs

Featuring eight LEDs, this is claimed to be the brightest solar-powered light in B&Q's range. The high-gloss finish gives all-weather protection, and it is quick and easy to install.

What Pure solar Z angled light black
Height 51cm

Price £59.98 each, available in-store only



Frost light

Introduce a subtle glow to your garden with these urban-style, frosted-glass lights. Each one has a crystalline solar panel, and its own stake so it can be sited in any sunny position in the garden.

What Antares stainless-steel solar lights

Height 38cm

Price £7 for a set of 2, delivery £4.95



Full moon

Create a mellow mood with this elegant, stainless-steel light. Fitted with a prismatic diffuser that scatters the light and helps reduce glare, it casts a broad light and automatically switches on at dusk.

What Luna stainless-steel light
Height 50cm

Price £12.99 each, available in-store only



Bubble the fun

We think kids of all ages will love these lights. Lasting up to eight hours, they are ideal for lining a pathway or the front of a border, because the lights are attached by cable to a separate solar panel.

What Bubble solar-powered lights
Height 47cm

Price £35 for a set of 5, delivery free



STAR BUY

Impress guests with these lights for all occasions

On safari

Stylish and eco-friendly, this FSC-certified (Forest Stewardship Council) teak and stainless-steel light will look fabulous in any style of garden. Providing up to eight hours of light, it features a useful on/off switch, so you can choose whether or not you want to light up your garden.

What Kenya stainless-steel teak solar light

Height 35cm

From Solar Centre, 0845 094 1250, www.solarcentre.co.uk

Price £74.99 each, delivery free



Over the rainbow

Can't decide whether you want coloured or white lights? Then this set is perfect for you. Go for the colour-changing option if you're having a party, or a more relaxing white light if you're eating alfresco. And with eight in a pack they're great value for money, too.

What Stainless-steel colour-change solar lights
Height 40cm

Price £29.99 for 8, delivery £4.95, or buy in-store

