

RUSTIC CHIC: country dining

A menu of appealing arrangements for long summer lunches and evenings with family and friends

NATURAL RESOURCES

Inspired by nature, the owners of this house in south west England created a simple dining area using a repurposed tree trunk as a sturdy, rough-hewn table. A larger, informal set-up under cover is ideal for cooler days and evenings.



The bronze age

In this Cheshire garden, designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, a dramatic bronze pavilion, by architect Jamie Fobert, offers a stylish setting for a dining area. The warm tones of the banqueting-style table and benches complement the bronze while keeping the design elements streamlined. A pavilion in any material can provide shelter and help to segregate a dining space from the rest of the garden. tomstuartsmith.co.uk | jamielifobertarchitects.com



French fancy

Sitting within the old stone walls of textile specialist Anne Halsey's farmhouse in France's Tarn region, this romantic dining area feels like a room in its own right. Trailing cascades of mauve wisteria flowers hang down above the table, and elegant tableware sets the scene for long, lazy lunches and alfresco dinners.



UNDER COVER

In the Hudson Valley garden of US architect Peter Pennoyer and his wife, the interior designer Katie Ridder, this outdoor dining area is sheltered by a minimalist steel structure. Greenery and exuberant planting surrounds the space, creating a sense of seclusion. As detailed in the couple's book about their property in upstate New York, *A House in the Country**, this is a fine example of how to install a modern pergola to great effect. ppapc.com kateridder.com ▷

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