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# OUTDOOR LIVING

## *Special*

23 pages of expert advice and inspirational ideas



With summer fast approaching, now's the time to get out into your garden. Whether your plot is dedicated to growing your own fruit and vegetables, is a shrine to brightly-coloured blooms or is simply a place for your children to play, we show you how to make the most of the available space. Even if the British weather disappoints, you can bring the outside indoors, with our advice on how to maximize the potential of your conservatory. So pull up a deckchair, sit back and relax with our guide to outdoor living.

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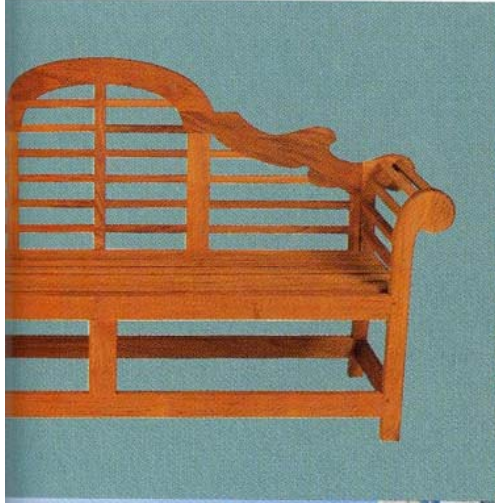


## SETTING THE SCENE

Now's the time to prepare your garden for summer entertaining, explains Neil Wormald

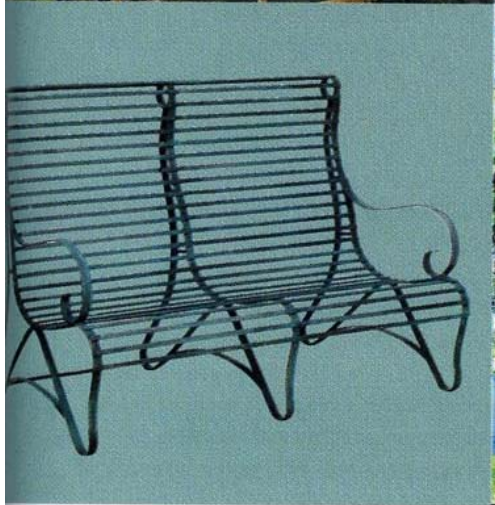
# GOING AL FRESCO

Embrace outdoor living this summer with our selection of traditional garden furniture



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