



“Plants can function as partitions, creating spaces of intimacy within larger contexts.”



Adding a fireplace to your garden extends the season into cooler months by offering a place to get warm—and a place to cook.

tend to be made of traditional construction materials: wood, stone, brick, concrete, or tile. However, in time, desire pathways are made by foot traffic navigating from one point to another. Look to these pathways to help understand how your space is traversed to create a more natural approach to your design.

Cooking Outdoors

When the general function and layout of the space have been determined, the next issue to approach is cooking. Outdoor cooking can take many forms. Whether it's a small charcoal grill on the patio, a built-in gas-powered range, an open fire pit, or a

and function, creating the effect of many spaces in one. If you have space restrictions, height is your friend. Look to create levels of interest with hanging plants, green walls, and climbing vines. Even tight quarters can feel spacious when you can see sky above: draw the eye upward.

Regardless of the amount of space you have to work with, consider how you would like the space to feel and how many guests you would ideally like to accommodate. If you prefer large parties but have a smaller space, opt for compact or dynamic furniture that won't eat up the footprint of the area. Folding tables and chairs are a natural fit for outdoor furniture not only because they can seat diverse numbers of guests but also because they are usually easy to stow in colder weather and easy to clean.

Hardscaping can also help dictate usage, flow, and vibe. Hardscaped pathways



For all fresco entertaining in larger spaces, consider creating pockets of activity like this one that help punctuate the space.