



Woodstock Chimes®

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Flowers draw wildlife to your yard.



Don't forget to save your hands.

11 Pick the right table

Eating alfresco is one of the great warm-weather pleasures—forces you to take a break from your routine—but careful outdoor dining calls for a table and chairs that don't require a lot of maintenance. Look for pieces made of iron, aluminum, recycled plastic, or wood certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (which means it was harvested responsibly). Built to handle whatever the weather dishes out, the Wittoria curled-iron garden table with benches (\$499 for the set) seats six, and, easily seats six.

12 Set the tone for relaxation

Good wind chimes sound almost magical—and the soft notes are another way to send stress packing—but not all of them are created equal. Buy those that are precision- or hand-tuned (the label will identify them) and have longer pipes; the combination creates a lower pitch and a more pleasant sound. Retro Aloha chimes from Woodstock Chimes (\$15, chimes.com), left, have 28-inch metal pipes for a clear, resonant tone.



These chimes come in five colors.

13 Grow your own veggies

Heirloom plants—like tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, and carrots—have been around for 50 years or more and have stayed popular because they grow vigorously, taste great, and are packed with nutrients. You won't find them at the supermarket, though; most of those varieties are hybrids raised more for looks than taste. Get heirlooms from your local farmers' market or grow your own. Find seeds at Renee's Garden (renewsgarden.com) and the Cook's Garden (thecooks-garden.com).

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NO YARD? NO PROBLEM!

If a lawn is still on your wish list, here's how to get that outdoorsy feeling with limited space. ONLY HAVE A WINDOW? Not fresh herbs (for the aroma and cooking benefits) and add a couple of plants. If your space is sunny, opt for a zebra plant with bright yellow flowers and white-striped leaves. If your window offers mostly shade, try a pothos, a green- and white-leaved version of the philodendron. Create a view Consider moving your dining room table near the window so you can look out while you eat. If you have the space, a tiny Parisian-inspired café table can create the perfect indoor oasis where you can linger over your morning tea or coffee. ONLY HAVE A BALCONY OR PATIO? Plant a container garden Fill a large pot with a variety of flowers and herbs for a sensory treat. You can even experiment with veggies. Set the ambience Tuck a café table or even a chair and side table in one corner. Crown out traffic Hang wind chimes or install a low-maintenance fountain.



Bench-style tables can be rustic or romantic.