

setting the stage

CREATE THE BACKDROP FOR YOUR OUTDOOR KITCHEN WITH THE ADDITION OF AN ARBOR, TRELIS OR PERGOLA. BY KEIKO MATSUMOTO



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Create a true sense-of-space in your outdoor kitchen by including a pergola in the design. The structure will also act as a sunshield and the perfect locale to hang lighting.

TRANSFORM A SUN-BLEACHED PATIO into a cool and shaded retreat or give the backyard an ivy-wrapped focal point all its own. When the outdoors is the setting for sun-soaked suppers, ensuring your patio is a crowd-pleaser comes second to none. Functional and beautiful, trellises, arbors and pergolas are an exterior addition that can turn a dreary deck into an inviting atmosphere for alfresco dining.

A trellis can be installed flush to a wall, providing a place for vines to intertwine and add an element of aesthetic appeal. They also serve a functional role, adding height and privacy to an area, as they may be installed along the top of a fence or stand alone to shield the view. Depending on the homeowner's desires, the size of the open spaces in between the wood can vary if custom designed, with the dimensions usually determined by how much privacy is required.