

Design ideas

BUILT-IN, OUTDOOR SEATING

Jennifer Goulding looks at some of the options – including wood, stone and live plants – for seating constructed as part of the hard landscaping of a garden



Dan Pearson has created a sunken seating area from a drystone wall, slabs of rough-hewn slate and an original millstone. As well as bringing texture and colour to the landscape, it offers protection from the wind. **T**



2 The strong lines of this covered seating area, created by Christopher Bradley-Hole at Bury Court garden in Surrey, are a pleasing contrast to the loose shapes of the grasses.

3 Jo Thompson has maximised seating space in this courtyard garden with a circular stone-and-brick seat, backed by raised beds.



4 This horseshoe-shaped seat, designed by Yvonne Malheux, is planted with chamomile, which acts as a cushion and releases scent when it is crushed. >