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This garden will certainly whet your appetite! Outdoor kitchens are a common phenomenon in the US and Australia, and designer Patricia Fox brings the idea to Chelsea with an intimate space for entertaining, relaxing and above all preparing food. A central island kitchen with SenSa Granite work surfaces is at the heart, and provides the *raison d'être* for the edible planting that surrounds it on all sides. Growing boxes are incorporated into the structure, packed with fruit and veg so the very freshest ingredients are close at hand.

Surrounding this is a garden full of lemons, oranges and runner beans. Herbs for teas, infusions, flavouring, as well as for cosmetic and medicinal uses create an aromatic backdrop, while apples and pears frame the central pergola and strawberries and tomatoes tumble from overhead 'colander' planting baskets. More produce bursts from an edible green wall, densely planted with baby-leaf salad crops. An artfully-lit pergola adds the finishing touch to this most appetising of spaces!