

PERIOD LIVING

ADDITIONAL HOMES, INTERIORS, GARDENS, ANTIQUES & RENOVATION

Celebrate Summer!

FRESH DECORATING IDEAS

Alfresco style
Classic blue and white
Nostalgia on a plate

THE ENGLISH
COTTAGE
GARDEN
A riot of scent
and colour

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MANOIR
IN FRANCE

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from a 16th century Cotswold millhouse
to an Edwardian Yorkshire cottage
plus a converted Devon inn

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SECRETS
for your
period home

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on a budget
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Earth walling
and thatch

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FLOORING**
Terracotta, jute,
coir and more...

CELEBRATE SUMMER

Summer is the time to enjoy warm weather, good food and the company of friends. When you're entertaining at home, create settings that rise to the occasion

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AN INVITATION TO LUNCH

Dressed to impress, the kitchen table becomes an elegant setting for a celebration. The secret of its success lies in the unifying blue and white colour scheme.

Horseshoe dining chair in foreground, £100, and ticking cover, £38, both Oka. **Cape Cod painted dining chairs** in Seashore Blue and Early White, £622 each; matching carver at end of table, £736. **Tablecloth and curtain** made up in Posy linen in Seashore Blue, £42.50 per m from the Floral Chic range by Sasha Waddell. **Oxford goblets**, £22 for four, The White Company. **Etched goblets**, £14.50, Nordic Style. **Belton square-based glass bowl**, £65; tall **York decanter**, £25, both Oka. **Vase**, 99p, Ikea. **Blue candlesticks**, £12.50 each; **vintage blue and white china** on dresser, all The Dining Room Shop. **OPPOSITE PAGE** Detail of table, as above; for cutlery, china, cushions and napkins see overleaf >

9 of the best long seats

SEATS *Open backrests give these seats a lighter look in smaller rooms*



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Two-seater Love Seat in beech and elm, W53cm x H77cm x L113cm, £595 from the Ercol Originals range by Ercol; Tuvan wooden sofa, W55cm x H90cm x L140cm, £1,169 primed and ready for painting or £1,477 painted, Scumble Goosie; Ash Windsor stickback settee, W46cm x H103cm x L109cm, £1,415, Batheaston

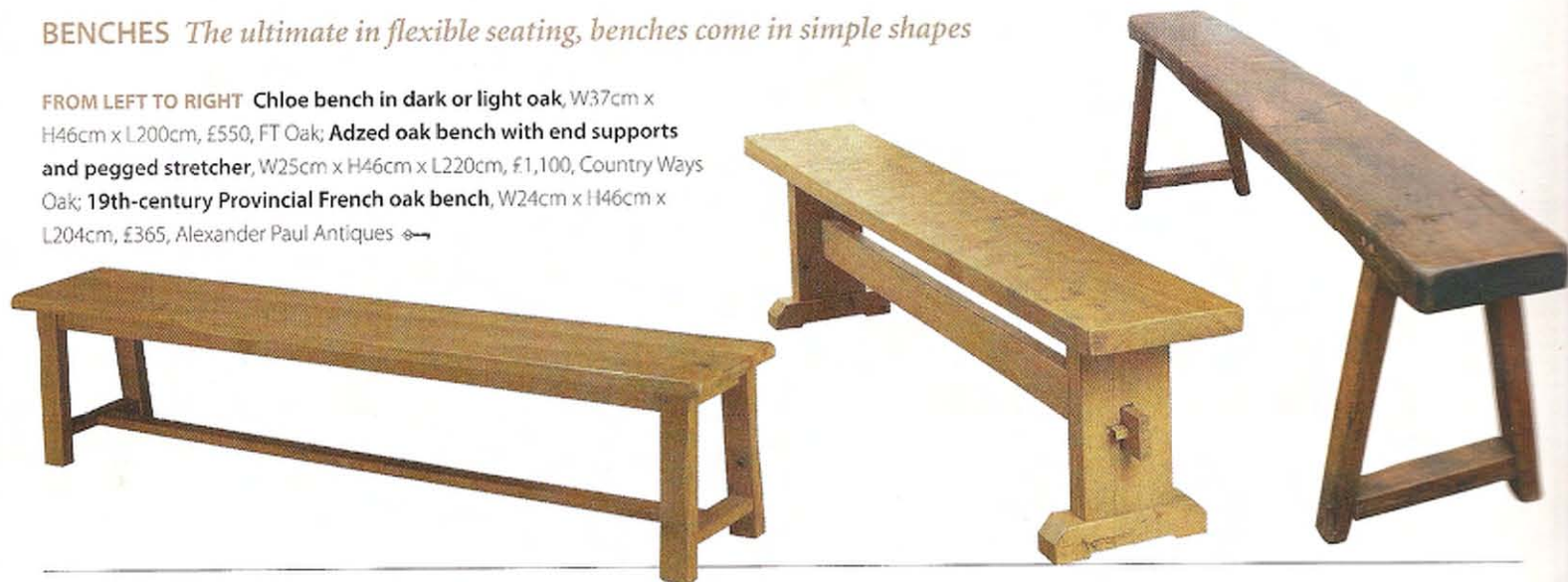
SETTLES *The settle is a traditional seat with a long history*



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Two-panelled medium oak box settle with hinged seat for storage, W63.5cm x H113cm x L119cm, £2,728, Fauld; Visby rustic sofa with hinged storage seat, W60cm x H110cm x L160cm, £795, Nordic Style; made-to-size oak settle with open base – as a guide, a seat measuring W61cm x H107cm x L115cm is £1,295, Bryn Hall

BENCHES *The ultimate in flexible seating, benches come in simple shapes*

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Chloe bench in dark or light oak, W37cm x H46cm x L200cm, £550, FT Oak; Adzed oak bench with end supports and pegged stretcher, W25cm x H46cm x L220cm, £1,100, Country Ways Oak; 19th-century Provincial French oak bench, W24cm x H46cm x L204cm, £365, Alexander Paul Antiques



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