



BLOOMSBURY STYLE

A Room of ONE'S OWN

This shaded spot enclosed by fire walls and a charming pergola makes a perfect place to craft or bank on a hot sunny day. Fancy a creative afternoon in your own garden? Set up a table and a comfortable chair in a quiet spot with dappled shade and be inspired by your surroundings. Stripe fruit tablecloth, £246, projektkyzyry.com. Charleston stripe hexagonal pencil pot, £10, charlestonprint.co.uk. Cushion made from Italian Oak in floral fabric, £120/m, theinred.com. Adonis mug vase, £95, sashacompton.com. Vintage floral mix rug, £18, jayneredmond.co.uk. Yellow ceramic jug, £14, etsy.com



CROWN PRINTS Mix vintage printed fabrics with new designs for a true Bloomsbury-style picnic. Cushion in West Wind fabric by Duncan Grant, £85/m, shop.charlestonprint.org.uk. Dianthus cushion in Rust Rose, £100, poly.muhom.com. Vintage sweet pea quilt, £98, theantiqueswarehouse.co.uk



SWEET TREATS The garden at Charleston has an abundance of apple, pear and plum trees. Just the ticket for home-made jam. Find a recipe for summer plum jam at theenglishgarden.co.uk, then paint your own watercolour designs for the lids. Portuguese flower plate, £115, sashacompton.com



STILL LIFE A simple posy of seasonal blooms arranged in a hand-painted jug or vase adds a whimsical feel to a garden picnic. Blue floral vase, £68, jayneredmond.co.uk. WAA-A natural lidted picnic basket, £79, thebasketrooms.com. Vintage rug, £295, theantiqueswarehouse.co.uk



COUNTRY PILE Gather up cushions and quilts for an afternoon of lounging. Round cushion, £45, parasol, £45, theantiqueswarehouse.co.uk. Rust seat cushion, £34.99, hm.com. Jug, £14, etsy.com. Quilt in Pink Oak and Ash fabric, £70/m, lauradelamare.com. Hamper, £85, fortnumandmason.com

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY Lay out a spread in the grass by Charleston's delightful pond. Picnicking here is actively encouraged. Or be inspired to create something similar in your own garden. For details on visiting Charleston, see charleston.org.uk.

Do the CHARLESTON

Once the home of Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant and the epicentre of Bloomsbury Group gatherings, Charleston in Sussex is now a museum set in enchanting gardens. Take inspiration from the group's bohemian style and pack a picnic to enjoy here in late summer when trees groan with apples, borders blaze with dahlias and roses entwine fascinating sculpture

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