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When designer Pamela Dreyfuss was asked to create a sheltered, 610- square-foot terrace in Sonoma County, Calif., she drew on ideas she'd picked up travelling in Tuscany. She speced durable, natural materials such as Houduras mahogany coated with marine varnish, apricot-tinted stucco, soft gold concrete, and Arizona flagstone for the outdoor room. Hand-hewn fir timbers support a simple tiled roof that shelters a sink, cooking fireplace, gas grill, and dining table. A full-sized refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave, trash containers, and extra cabinets are enclosed in an adjacent pantry. Since this is a vacation home, Dreyfuss included a furniture storage room. French doors to these spaces all have heavy wooden shutters to withstand high winds and can be padlocked for security. While guests may not realize the thought that went into ensuring that this exposed kitchen lasts for years, they do react to the spectacular sunsets framed by stone pillars and the chimney. "It was definitely a challenge to fit in everything the clients wanted and still optimize the views," Dreyfuss says.



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